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Europe to monitor Japanese imports

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17 (AP) — The European Economic Community imposed a new surveillance system on Japanese imports Tuesday, and warned Japan that the flood of inexpensive products into Europe was causing "serious concern."

Foreign ministers of the 10 Common Market countries agreed to pool statistics on Japanese imports of television sets and tubes, automobiles and machine tools on a monthly rather than six-month basis, effective immediately.

The EEC ministers issued a declaration saying: "The situation as regards Japanese car exports continued to give rise to increasing and very serious concern." They said Japanese response to previous complaints have failed to "remove the foreign minister's concern."

They ordered European trade negotiators to press the issue at forthcoming meetings and said the issue of Japanese-Europe trade would be pushed to the forefront of the agenda at the July Western economic summit meeting scheduled for July.

West German Economics Minister Otto von Lambsdorff told reporters the ten EEC partners would be taking a very close look at Japanese imports for the first quarter of 1981 to see if Japan had moderated its exports policy.

West Germany has been especially hard hit by Japanese automobile exports.

In the first 11 months of 1980, Japan exported 49 per cent more cars to West Germany than it did in a comparable period in 1979. Automobile imports to the entire Common Market were up 24 per cent during the same period, up 35 per cent in the Netherlands and 29 per cent in Belgium. An EEC official, who gave the statistics, said these were the hardest-hit countries.

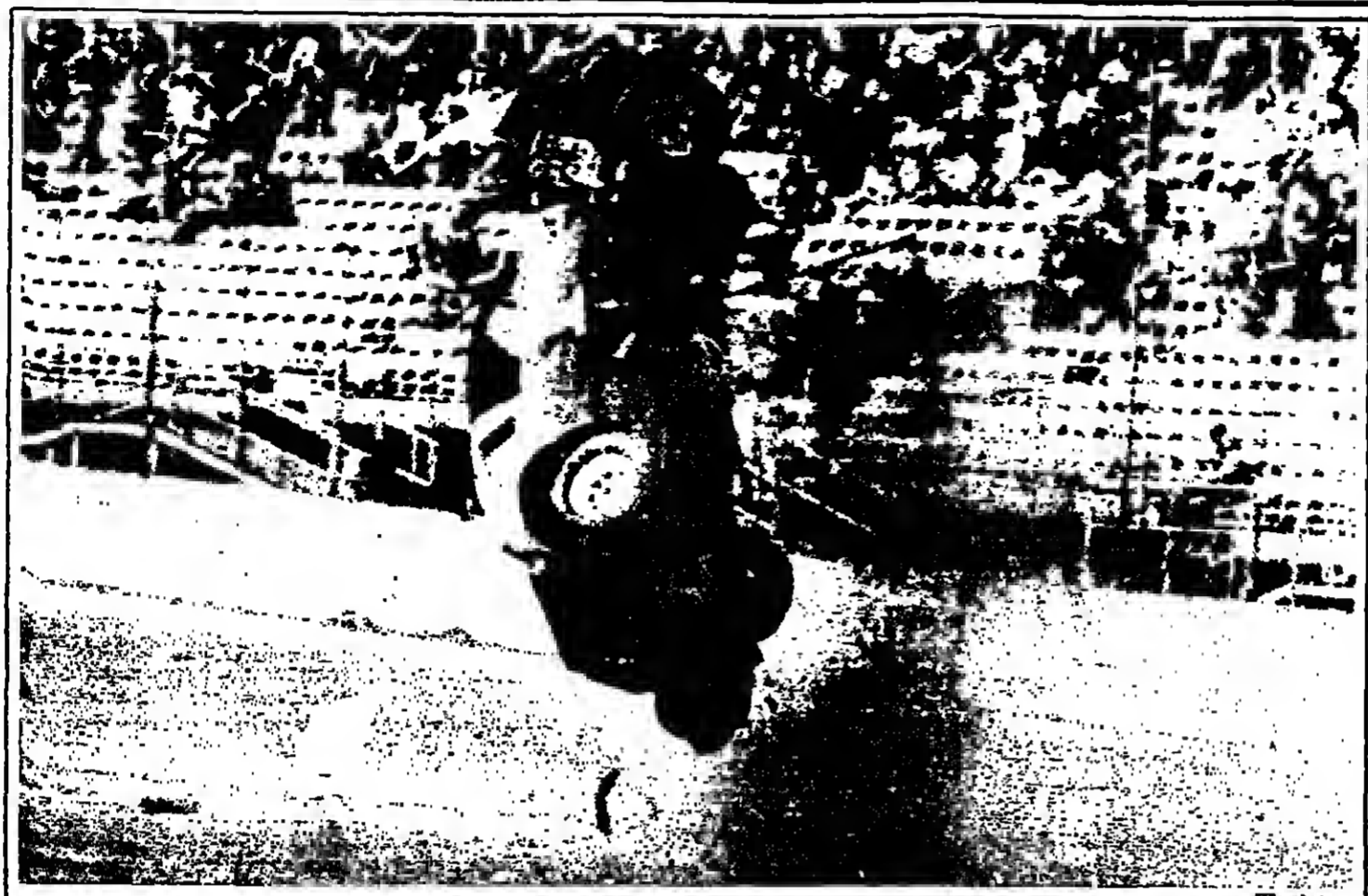
Televisions from Japan increased about 70 per cent in 1980 from 1979. Machine tool imports were up 60 per cent, he said.

Ertl under probe

WIESBADEN, Feb. 17 (AFP) — West German Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl is under investigation on suspicion of corruption, the prosecutor's office here said.

The probe involves \$4,000 paid into the Liberal Party's Bavarian federation, of which Ertl is president, by a package and glass firm in 1976.

Ertl is accused of using the money for his personal ends, although he and the firm, Tetra Pak of Hocheim near here, insist it went on encouraging schoolchildren to drink more milk.



AUTO ACROBATICS: Bob Ballentine takes his auto end over end down the front stretch at the Daytona Auto Classics, Florida, Sunday. Ballentine was injured and taken to hospital. Veteran American driver Richard Petty, 43, won the race.

Challenge to Thatcher

26,000 coal miners go on indefinite strike

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — The 26,000 coal miners of south Wales went on strike Tuesday and urged the rest of Britain's 230,000 miners to join them in a national stoppage to reverse government plans to close uneconomic pits.

The threat of a national miners' strike presents the Conservative government with its biggest challenge since it came to power 21 months ago, according to the almost unanimous verdict of political commentators.

The miners last staged a national strike in the winter of 1974. That stoppage forced British industry to a three-day working week and led to the downfall of Edward Heath's Conservative administration in a subsequent general election.

The present Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been attacked over the latest strike by the Labor Party opposition and by some of its own supporters for misjudging the situation.

The strike could last for weeks. The Electricity Generating Board said Tuesday it had coal stocks for two months.

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers do not meet until Thursday to decide whether to organize a ballot on their recommendations for a national strike.

But the south Wales miners, angry because their region is already suffering high unemployment, jumped the gun when they voted to demand subsidies for the industry and cuts in imports of cheap coal, which totaled 7.3 million tons last year, mostly from Australia and the United States.

Energy Minister David Howell agreed to meet them next Monday, a delay for which he is being criticized on both sides of the House of Commons.

False jewels banned

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce has decided to ban trading in false jewelry and semi-precious stones in the Kingdom.

In a statement issued Tuesday the Ministry warned goldsmith and jewelry shops against violating its decision.

It added that violators will be penalized under the Fraudulent Trade Act No. 138/18/45 and Jewelry Act No. 117 issued 28/6/1360H (1940).

The Ministry said that trading in false jewelry and semi-precious stones may entail fraudulent action, hence it decided on the ban.

Klibi raps plan to seat Egypt

BONN, Feb. 17 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi has condemned a European parliament resolution calling for Egypt to be included in talks between the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Arab League. In a statement issued in Tunis and published Tuesday in Bonn, Klibi said the parliament's call was "a Zionist maneuver aimed at sabotaging the European-Arab dialogue at a time when both sides were trying to revive and develop it."

EEC and Arab League foreign ministers are due to hold a conference in summer. Egypt was expelled from the Arab League in 1979 for signing the Camp David accords with Israel.

Klibi said he was astonished by the European assembly's recommendation, which he called interference in the internal affairs of the Arab League.

With IMF Lending talks in early stage

RIYADH, Feb. 17 — An informed source Tuesday denied press reports that Saudi Arabia was close to an agreement under which the International Monetary Fund would borrow up to \$5 billion annually for the next three years.

The source told Arab News Tuesday that talks with the IMF were still in a preliminary stage. "No agreement has been reached either on the volume of the loan or on the terms of lending," he said.

He added that "Saudi Arabia did not stipulate (at the current talks with the IMF) the accreditation of observer status to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) at the IMF."

The source however did not say whether the question of the PLO status was raised with the IMF before the current Saudi-IMF negotiations started.

Last year Saudi Arabia and other Arab

Gulf states decided not to lend more money to the IMF unless the PLO was given observer status at the IMF and its sister organization, the World Bank.

The IMF and the World Bank resisted these demands at the interference of the United States.

But the United States, the biggest IMF member, will not make direct loans to the IMF because it is forbidden by congress to do so. Moreover the Reagan administration wants to trim its foreign aid, which broadly includes its contributions to the World Bank and IMF, political analysts said.

Press reports from Washington Monday claimed that Saudi Arabia and the IMF reached an agreement under which Saudi Arabia would lend the bank between \$3.7 and \$5 billion annually for the three years. The borrowing the reports said, was necessary for the bank to be able to meet financial commitments to member states to face economic recession.

Syria, Jordan discuss fate of missing envoy

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (R) — Jordanian officials held top-level talks in Lebanon and Syria Tuesday in an attempt to secure the release of a senior Jordanian diplomat kidnapped in Beirut earlier this month. Acting Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim conferred with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, while another mission led by former Cabinet Minister Hamad Al-Farhan met Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad.

Jordan... has accused Syrian military intelligence of abducting Charge d'Affaires Hisham Mobeisen Feb. 6, but Syria has denied it and the ending of the severely strained relations between the two countries. There was still no word on the fate of the 42-year-old diplomat and security sources said there were growing fears for his safety.

Ibrahim told reporters he has conveyed a message to President Sarkis from Hussein about the affair.

Damascus radio meanwhile reported that Farhan discussed the issue at a meeting with President Assad and the Syrian interior and information ministers. The 10-member Jordanian delegation included the kidnapped diplomat's brother Jawdat Mobeisen, a member of Jordan's national consultative council (parliament).

No details of the talks were disclosed. Farhan was met at the border earlier Tuesday by Syrian Interior Minister Naseriddin Nasser, and Damascus radio quoted Brig. Nasser as saying Syria welcomed "all sons of the Arab nations," while Farhan said Jordan considered both countries and peoples to be one.

The statements contrasted sharply with the exchange of insults and allegations of terrorism which has been flowing between the two capitals for several months.

The conflict deepened last week when both sides withdrew from a joint border post on the main Damascus-Aman highway, and Jordan recalled its ambassador to Syria. Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said the unexpected truce indicated a final effort by both sides to avert a total break in relations.

Citizen donates SR5m

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — A Saudi Arabian national has donated SR5 million to charity organizations and Afghan freedom fighters.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said Tuesday that the anonymous donor gave SR1 million to the Riyadh Philanthropic Society; SR2 million to the Islamic Welfare Society; and the remaining SR2 million to the Afghan freedom fighters.

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To cure high blood-pressure Japanese hold animal yoga classes

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Hyper-tense animals unable to cope with the hustle and bustle of city life in Tokyo are joining their human masters for yoga classes. Cats, Dogs, Coats, raccoons, chimps, even a bird or two, are being brought by their loving owners for regular lessons in the 5,000-year-old art at an animal beauty parlor here.

The man who masterminded the idea, clinic director Shigenori Masuda, claims that needless fat is being eliminated and hyper-nervous pets are finding inner calm. "Yoga exercises help animals preserve their mental and corporal well-being," he explained in an interview.

Pets, he said, are subject to big pressures in cities, the main one being their daily confinement in tiny flats with no possibilities of country-style exercises. This deprivation produces such ills as feeble paws, continual yapping, bouts of deep nervous depression, obesity and, worst of all, sterility, Masuda says. And that is where yoga comes in.

Every month, about 100 twitching pets, mostly over-excited or oversized cats and dogs, are brought by their equally-nervous owners to Masuda's parlor. Courses last between one and three months, during which time the animals will learn up to 30 yoga positions.

To start with, instructors (human) teach them to take up a certain posture, which clever pets can frequently find again all by themselves after about one week's intensive coaching.

A program of three weekly lessons starts with the "death position," for which obliging pets lie motionless on their fronts, legs flung out to all points of the compass.

Then come the panda pose, the pyramid position, the penguin posture, and a host of others, most requiring a flair for acrobatics. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes and a month-long course will set a pet owner back by \$50.

The idea of yoga for animals came to Masuda in a flash several years ago after the discovery that his poodle had certain hidden qualities. "I was doing my yoga exercises at home when I noticed him behaving strangely," he said. "I suddenly realized he was trying to copy me."

Gradually, after carrying out "yoga tests" with 300 animals, the tireless Japanese grew convinced that this ancient art, developed by ancient Indian mystics seeking body and mental control, could be adapted quite easily for 20th-century-pampered pets. And five years ago, he opened his parlor.

Zoologists are sceptical, but a growing number of Japanese are signing up their animals for yoga courses.

Masuda stresses that cats and dogs are not his only clients. Raccoons, goats, rabbits and several birds have all joined the flock to learn yoga. But he has had to draw the line.

"A short while ago, I was approached by the owner of a crocodile," he said. "I had to point out that we are not yet ready for reptiles."

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Protocol signed

Dutch official leaves

DHAHRAN, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Dutch Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Gerrit Braks left Dhahran for Holland Tuesday concluding a five-day official visit to the Kingdom.

Braks held talks with senior officials here on promoting cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Holland in agriculture and fisheries during his visit. He was seen off at the airport by officials of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Saudi Arabia and Holland signed a protocol Monday to establish joint projects for agricultural development and agro-based industries. The protocol also calls for developing green houses and dairy projects.

The protocol was signed by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the agriculture and water minister, and Braks.

According to the protocol, the two countries also will cooperate in applied agricultural research and practical training on agricultural projects, especially livestock, poultry, dairy and animal feed projects.

Moreover, an agricultural attaché will be appointed at the Netherlands Embassy in Jeddah to ensure coordination between the agriculture ministries of both countries. The two countries also will participate mutually in their agricultural exhibitions. It was also agreed that an agreement signed earlier between the two countries on the development of potato production in the Kingdom be renewed.

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Gunter Zimmer
Manager appointed
By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Gunter Zimmer has been appointed general manager of Hotel Al Salam Meridien. Zimmer, 43, joined Cairo Meridien Hotels in 1977 as general manager. He has also worked in hotels in Europe, Far East, Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Henri G. Marescot, president of Societe Des Hotels Meridien and Roland Ayme, director-general adjoint will be arriving in Khobar on Feb. 19, for a tour of the new Meridien Hotel. The hotel is scheduled to open in May.

Bronze at the Hyatt
Artist displays handicraft

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — One of the world's leading bronze sculptors, Amar Nath Sehgal, displayed some of his best pieces at the Hyatt Regency hotel here Tuesday. Sehgal, an Indian by nationality, has won worldwide renown in the last few years and has been exhibiting his works in many parts of the world.

A bronze piece of sculpture which rotates and water fountain are part of the exhibits on display at the Hyatt Regency hotel, Medina Road.

Entitled *Rising Tide*, the bronze piece shows a splash of water, an important medium through which Sehgal works. "I like to work with the elements, particularly air and water, without which you cannot live," said Sehgal, now in the city on his second visit.

Sehgal revels in being innovative. He has produced heavier bronze pieces weighing 350 kg. which can rotate even in a 5 mph wind.

Sehgal chose Jeddah as the venue for his exhibition "because Jeddah society has a lot of interest in the arts." And the man who has kindled this interest is Jeddah Mayor Farsi whose beautification scheme includes sculptures by world famous artists, Sehgal told Arab News.

The current exhibition has 20 pieces of sculpture (all bronze and weighing a ton), including three fountains being exhibited for



(Arab News photo)

SCULPTOR: Amar Nath Sehgal with one of his sculptures at the Hyatt Regency.

the first time. "I worked on the fountains for a year and a half," Sehgal says.

All the exhibits revolve round the various facets of nature. For instance, *Onward* depicts the man and the animal, both of which work for the progress of man. *Music in the air* portrays someone playing music, while *Waterfall* immortalizes nature's work. Other items are the *Dancer*, *Hunger* and *Floating*, which depicts something floating on water.

"I feel water has a lot of poetry to it. And where there is too much of sand and lack of water, you have to enhance its richness with the element of water."

The words sound poetic. And Sehgal is indeed a poet whose latest collection of poems will be rendered in French under the title *Inner Rhythm*. "In my quiet moments I write and paint. One wishes to express oneself through some medium. And I chose the medium of the word and sculpture, particularly bronze, which is a powerful medium."

His sculptures adorn several art galleries the world over, notably Paris, Washington, West Berlin, Luxembourg, New Delhi and Antwerp. They have won plaudits from all over, but this one from ex-U.S. President Jimmy Carter bears eloquent testimony. "Sehgal's impressive bronze inspires optimism that we can continue to improve the lives of all our peoples," Carter said.

A graduate from Punjab University, Sehgal took to his art initially as a hobby. His parents discouraged him from pursuing his interest, calling it a waste of time. But Sehgal ploughed a lonely furrow.

The breakthrough came when the prestigious *New Yorker* featured him in its "Talk of the Town" column. That heralded the first stroke of success. Since then there was no looking back.

His first international break came in 1965 when he was invited to display 120 of his works in the one-man show in the Museum of Modern Art in Paris. Later, the UNESCO asked him to organize a workshop for children in 1979, the International Year of the Child.

His preoccupations notwithstanding, Sehgal still finds time to do a bit of cooking, his favorite pastime. "I love cooking. I make a dozen cakes to give them to my friends," he chuckles.

Sports contract signed

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, signed a SR330 million contract Monday for the construction of new headquarters for Al-Hilal and Al-Nasr clubs. Construction will take 22 months for the premises which will include a mosque, a conference hall, administrative quarters, a stadium to accommodate 5,000 spectators, a covered gymnasium and public utilities. Other similar clubs are planned in the near future, the prince said.

School math increases

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Modern mathematics will be taught in all day and night schools in Saudi Arabia in the coming academic year, the Education Ministry decreed Monday. Meanwhile, the necessary arrangements will be made to train secondary school teachers on the new program. Modern mathematics were being taught already in a number of schools in the Kingdom since 1973 and gained ground gradually.

Al-Faresi says

Factories' shares to be floated for public

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Shares of basic industries projects in Saudi Arabia will be floated for public subscription as soon as they start yielding, Dr. Fuad Al-Faresi, industry and electricity undersecretary said Monday. He was addressing a press conference on the National Industry Week opening Saturday.

All basic industrial projects will be turned into joint stock companies, he affirmed. Moreover, government subsidy to such factories is only temporary, Faresi said: The state intervened only because such factories require a huge capital, to be set up he added. Likewise, the government extends loans of up to 50 per cent of the capital of national industries through the Saudi Industrial Development Fund. More than 75 per cent of the existing factories benefited from those loans.

A committee recently was set up by the

industry minister to identify secondary projects in which the private sector will own the majority of shares, the official said. The committee is made up of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and the ministry's agency in charge of industrial affairs. A comprehensive study will be submitted to SABIC's next meeting of the board of directors on support and secondary industries in the Kingdom which, in the petrochemical fields will be the backbone of the country's economy.

Raw materials will be provided locally rather than imported and will support the economy by yielding a substantial daily revenue, therefore the state is placing a special emphasis on those industries. The Saudi government gives more incentives to national industries than 15 other countries, including the United States and West Germany, Faresi said. It gives subsidies varying between three

and 20 per cent for a period of five years, when necessary, to more than 30 items, but does not intervene in marketing the products, he added.

SIDF granted 55.5 per cent during the past two years and 51 per cent this year of all loans to construction material factories until some degree of self-sufficiency has been achieved — indicative of the overall urbanization boom in recent years, Faresi pointed out. Self-sufficiency has been attained also in foodstuffs like biscuits, beverages and health water. He hoped that the Kingdom will be able to cut down to 30 or 40 per cent its imports during the next seven years which at present are as high as 70 per cent.

COMMENT

By Saleh Al-Marzouk

Al Riyadh

No one can deny that art represents the cultural aspect of any nation. The achievements of Babylonians, Assyrians, Pharaohs, Greeks and others have been known through their rock tablets, the carvings depict the life style of those days as well as their advancement in intellectual and cultural fields.

Poetry also has played a big role in acquainting us with the different aspects of life in earlier days. A close study of arts will convince you that it is the representative of the progress and advancement of any country. It is invariably the reflection of the artist's imagination which, in its own turn, presents to us an aspect of life at any specific period of time.

As we are on the threshold of a Gulf Cultural Week in Paris, it will be worthwhile mentioning that the week will present many items including folk arts, plastic arts, handicraft, ornaments, clothes and other antiques which would represent a vivid picture of the cultural heritage of the Gulf. The week also will include a display of intellectual works which have realized a considerable progress with the assistance of publication media and all other circles in the states of the Gulf. There is, however, no denying the fact that the Gulf region is blessed with enormous potentialities which would take it to a high pedestal of prominence and further help build a better future.

With all the concern being given to this week, we hope it would not disappoint us in any way. But all its success will depend primarily on cooperation, sincerity and selfless endeavors of the members. Acting upon these lines, they can obliterate the image the Zionist media agencies have created about the Arabs. We can then hope to get closer to the Western world and be able to enlist its support for our cause.

German industry visit planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — A delegation of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) will visit the Kingdom from March 7 to March 13, a German Embassy spokesman said here Tuesday.

The delegation will be led by its president, Dr. Rolf Rodenstock. The aim of the visit is to underline the outstanding importance German industry attributes to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a partner for economic and technical cooperation, the spokesman said. In addition, the delegation's intention is to underline the willingness of German industry to engage in the Kingdom's economic and industrial development, the spokesman added. The visit will focus the attention of German mass media and businessmen on this country and will give additional momentum

to the relations between the two countries, the embassy statement said.

The BDI is the top federation of German industries comprising 37 industrial associations in the Federal Republic of Germany, and thus representing more than 100,000 industrial enterprises. The delegation comprises, in addition to BDI president Rodenstock, 17 German businessmen from some of the largest German companies representing various industrial sectors in Germany, the embassy spokesman said.

This will be the first time that German industry sends such a high ranking and representative delegation to the Kingdom. During its stay in the Kingdom, the members of the delegation will meet with high ranking government officials as well as representatives of leading Saudi Arabian business circles, according to the spokesman.

Security chief awarded medal

TAIPEI, Feb. 17 (CNA) — National Chinese Premier Sun Yun-Suan received Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Saudi Arabian public security director, Monday.

Premier Sun decorated the Saudi Arabia official with the Order of Cloud and Banner of grand cordon on behalf of the Chinese government.

The decoration was granted in recognition of Gen. Al-Sheikh's great contribution to the promotion of cooperation in public security affairs and strengthening the traditional friendship between the two countries.

Gen. Al-Sheikh expressed his deep gratitude for the friendship of the Chinese government. It is a great honor for both himself and his people to be decorated by the

Chinese premier, he said.

The good relations between the two countries established by the late King Faisal and the late President Chiang Kai-Shek during their lifetime, will continue to be stronger, Gen. Al-Sheikh added. Public security cooperation also will be enhanced in the future, the general stressed.

Present at the decoration ceremony were Saudi Arabian Ambassador Al-Zuhair, Interior Minister Chiu Chuang-Huan, National Security Bureau Director Y.S. Wang, National Police Administration Deputy Director L.C. Chen, and members of the delegation accompanying Gen. Al-Sheikh.

The Saudi Arabian official arrived in Taipei Feb. 13 on a nine-day official visit and is scheduled to leave Feb. 21.

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Institute undertakes environment studies

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — The Meteorological Institute of King Abdul Aziz University is carrying out several projects oriented towards the study of Saudi Arabia's environment. Dr. Fawaz Al-Alami, the school's dean said.

The research will be used not only for a better scientific understanding of the Kingdom's environment, but for helping officials in various agencies understand how they can take into consideration what special obstacles the environment places in development's path. Dr. Alami said in a recent interview with Arab News.

"We have an arid environment which is a unique situation not only in the Arab world, but all over the world. To have a school which deals with this environment is a great asset to the university and the institute itself. So the research is usually pertinent to the environment," Dr. Alami said.

He added that from the environmental point of view, the research teams study the aridity of the Kingdom; from the environmental point of view, they study the water, air and solid waste pollution of the environment; from the hydrology and water resources point of view, they study water management, building of dams, the checking of the underground

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water systems and organize courses to teach the people who need to know a little bit more about the management of water resources overground. From the arid lands and agriculture point of view, the institute deals with plant production, range management and forestry.

An agreement was signed in 1980 between the Kingdom's Minister of Finance Sheikh Muhammad Aha al Khalil and the United States Secretary of Treasury G. William Miller to conduct the joint studies. According to Dr. Alami, the agreement calls for supplying the institute with a high-caliber academic staff, support the administration and technical assistance of the institute and conduct research in Saudi Arabia and the United States pertinent to the arid land situation of the Kingdom. This is done jointly with 11 U.S. universities organized under a Consor-

tium for International Development (CID) lead by the University of Arizona. Chief of party for the U.S. universities staff is Dr. Jeff Eighthy.

Six months ago an institute committee, which deals with and refines research proposals submitted from the institute in cooperation with the eleven U.S. universities, agreed to nine proposals for local research. It was the first meeting for the committee and the research proposals were the results of the institute's efforts.

Some major research projects deal with air quality monitoring. One investigation is aimed at evaluating particulate matter concentrations over the major Saudi Arabian cities. Five major cities of Riyadh, Dhahran, Medina, Mecca and Jeddah were selected to conduct measurements for dust-fall. In Jeddah, different types of particulates will be monitored. These include smoke, suspended and deposited matter. In addition chemical and physical analysis will be performed.

A much larger air pollution project has been undertaken by the institute's vice dean, Dr. Omar Sabhagh, to study the air quality of the Western Region. Dr. Sabhagh will place air-monitoring stations in Mecca, Medina, Jeddah and Mina; the data on air quality can be monitored from the stations simultane-



Dr. Fawaz Al-Alami

"Here again it will be the first step in what we hope to see as ongoing and continued spin-off type research to provide the baseline information," Dr. Eighthy said. "The problem is — the very basic problem, what's out there, what do we have to work with. And before you can begin to do anything you sort or have to describe it. And this is what we're going to do," he added.

"We're not saying we're the only ones studying the environment so everyone can make good plans, I think many people in positions of responsibility in Saudi Arabia are interested and sensitive to this," Eighthy said.

He pointed out that one of the responsibilities of the institute from the scientific view is that they are interested in continually refining their understanding of the environment and growth trends.

"We have a job that's never going to be finished. After industrialization is here our job won't be finished, we will continually try to provide information to improve our plans and use of this area," he added.



RESEARCH: The Meteorological Institute at King Abdul Aziz University is undertaking tests to study pollution in the Western Region. Results are intended to be of practical value for developers of the country.

BRIEFS

Retirement diversifies
JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Director General of the Pension Department, Faisal Al-Muammar, said Tuesday that the department's investment fund has ventured into new investment fields including construction work. The investment fund also holds shares in several companies which include the Saudi-Kuwaiti Cement Company, and plans to participate in the Diplomatic District Project in Riyadh, according to Okaz.

Garbage removal discussed
JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Deputy Jeddah Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajra represented Jeddah at a meeting of the mayors of Riyadh, Mecca, Dammam and Jeddah. The meeting discussed means of removing garbage piles from the cities to improve the standard of cleanliness.

Officials check pharmacies
JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Riyadh's Health Directorate carried out a comprehensive campaign on pharmacies in Riyadh and surrounding areas that included Kharj, Majmaah and Zilfi. The campaign aims at checking the standards of pharmacies and improving them.

\$5m to help humanities
JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Riyadh University granted a \$5 million loan to a U.S. university to promote scientific research and studies in humanities. Al-Jadrah said Tuesday that the loan was granted to Briston University after five years of discussions between officials of the two universities. The loan highlights the Kingdom's keenness to support humanities and "need of the U.S. university for the loan," the paper said.

All in Manama
MANAMA, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, arrived here from Doha Monday evening on the third leg of a three-day tour which already took him to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. He briefed the finance ministers of the two countries on the bank's achievements and the draft agenda of the meeting March 3-5, in Khartoum of the IDB's board of governors.

Standards group meets
RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Board of the Saudi Arabian Standardization Organization met Tuesday under Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim. It discussed, among other things, the writing of relevant information in Arabic on imported and locally manufactured commodities which it deemed necessary.

Riyadh, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The 15th racing event of the season was held Monday afternoon at Al-Malazz Ferrousseya (Horse Racing) Club near here. Prizes for the five races totaled SR 70,000.

Hammad returns to Kingdom
RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Chief of General Staff, Gen. Muhammad Al-Saleh Al-Hammad, returned here Monday evening from a three-day visit to Bahrain. In a departure statement in Manama, he said he discussed with his counterpart Brig. Sheikh Khalifa bin Ahmad Al-Khalifa, military cooperation and coordination between the two countries. He hailed the high standard and proficiency of the Bahraini armed forces.

During British visit

Traders eye local market

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — A manufacturer of surgical sutures hopes to expand its business in the Middle East when it takes part in the British Health-Care trade mission to Saudi Arabia. Ethicon Ltd specialises in surgical sutures, ligatures and ancillary products for wound closure.

Robert Davies, area manager for the Middle East, will be visiting surgeons, nursing staff and hospital administrators, seeing established clients and seeking out new ones, both in the public and the private sectors.

"The Middle East has been a significant controller to our export business," says sales manager Hamish Alexander, "and we have developed sales to virtually every country in that part of the world." "We look upon Saudi Arabia as a particularly good market for us since it is able to use its resources to promote rapid hospital development and go for the best products available."

Alexander said his company's full range of products would be promoted, including a new range of wound closure equipment which staples, rather than stitches the wound. "Over the years we have made many visits to the Middle East in order to maintain contact without market," he added.

A range of patient support beds for orthopaedic/spinal injury hospitals, and a number of ward and laboratory air purifiers will be introduced to Saudi Arabia during the mission. Astac Environmental Systems Ltd, has produced an air-fluidised, glass microsphere support system, where patients freely float over a bed of dry, fluidised glass. The Clinitone system is claimed to eliminate

capillary closing pressure, shear, friction and skin laceration.

The Clinitone is suitable for burn and intensive care units and for surgery of all kinds and is claimed to be a new therapy that accelerates tissue healing. Also introduced on the mission will be Clinifloat mattresses and cushions developed for long-stay geriatric patients to prevent formation of bed sores.

The company will be promoting a portable fume cupboard for use in such laboratories as histology, pathology and microbiology, as well as for industrial research; airpurifiers and the Bander medical facemask, made from 100 per cent activated charcoal cloth. This gives protection against excessive concentrations of formalin, toluene and xylene. Dr. George Sarossy, one of the company's directors, will represent the firm on the visit.

Lako, a range of equipment, mainly for use in operating theaters, will be offered by Keith Orchard, export executive of Medical and Industrial Equipment Ltd, who plans to meet anaesthetists and the company's agents during the mission.

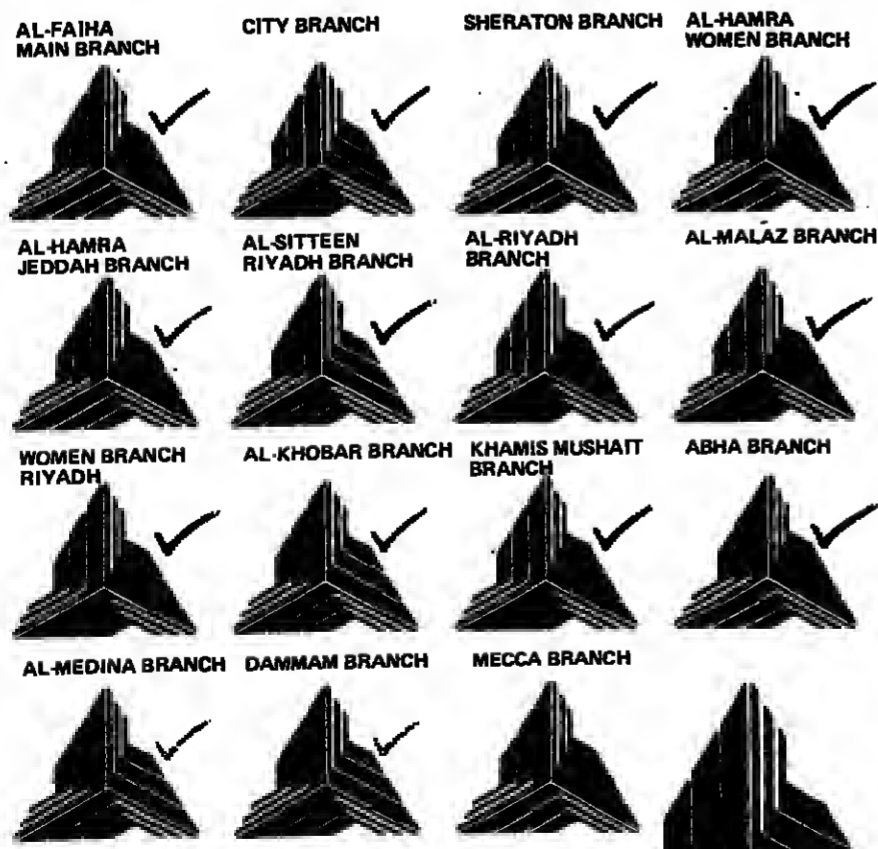
The two anaesthetic machines he will be promoting — the Cavendish 500 and Cavendish 250 — have four and three gas facilities respectively. Standard features include a removable stainless steel tray, an emergency oxygen flush and an audible oxygen failure warning device.

Orchard will also be promoting a pulse monitor, a videograph (an electric cardiogram mainly for use in operating theaters) and associated products. Among these is a laryngoscope, used in inserting an endotracheal tube in a patient.

Prayer Times

Wednesday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
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Ishraq	6.54	6.58	6.30	6.19	6.43	7.15
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.48
Asr	3.51	3.50	3.21	3.06	3.30	3.58
Maghreb	6.17	6.15	5.46	5.30	5.55	6.22
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U.S. wants Egypt to allow N-warships through Suez

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (R) — The United States has been secretly negotiating with Egypt to allow American nuclear warships to use the Suez Canal, well-informed sources said Tuesday. According to the sources, one idea under review is that Egypt set safety standards for nuclear shipping that could be met by American naval vessels but would probably bar Soviet nuclear submarines from the waterway.

Negotiations have taken place methodically over many months but no agreement had been reached by last November's U.S. elections when the talks were frozen to give the new Reagan administration time to study the question, the sources said.

Egypt has always been wary about allowing nuclear shipping through the waterway linking the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. According to a Western defense official, no nuclear vessel is known to have passed through the 160-kilometer waterway.

An Egyptian defense ministry official said the present policy was to bar all nuclear vessels whether or not they were carrying nuclear weapons. Conventional warships are allowed to use the canal.

Informed sources said the Pentagon's

By legislators

Kenya bars trips to Israel

NAIROBI, Feb. 17 (AP) — A Kenyan news magazine has said that the government has barred four legislators from visiting Israel as guests of the Knesset (parliament). The *Weekly Review*, an influential, independent weekly, said in its latest issue that the four members of the national assembly invited to visit Israel included Gac Salat, a deputy minister in the office of President Daniel Arap Moi, and Moses Keino, deputy speaker of parliament. It noted that another member invited, Kassange Mula, is chairman of parliament's foreign affairs committee.

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Syria vows to resist Israel

DAMASCUS, Feb. 17 (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasm has said Syria is determined to continue resisting Israeli attacks on Lebanon and violation of its air space.

Addressing visiting Lebanese industry and oil minister Muhammad Beydoun Monday, Kasm said Syria "is always ready to resist Israeli attacks on Lebanese territory and airspace, and attempts to violate Lebanon's

interest in gaining access for its nuclear fleet heightened after the downfall in January, 1979, of the late Shah of Iran. Concerned about the danger of Soviet encroachment on the Gulf, Washington raised the issue with the Egyptian government, which has long favored a stronger U.S. military presence in the region, they said.

Egypt has always cited safety as its chief concern about opening the canal to nuclear warships. According to the sources, the U.S. has been discussing installing a system of ecological safety checks along the canal that would be passed by American vessels but prove difficult for Soviet submarines to meet.

The system would cost millions of dollars, but the U.S. has offered to pay, calculating it would get its money back in time and expense saved in using the canal instead of taking the long route around Africa, one source said.

A Western military official said the United States, whose nuclear fleet includes surface vessels, probably had more to gain from access to the canal than the Soviet Union. He also questioned whether Moscow would want to risk its submarines being exposed to close Western intelligence surveillance by using the waterway.

Qaddafi allays Sudan fears

TRIPOLI, Feb. 17 (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has assured Sudan that it has nothing to fear from Libyan troops despite their push into neighboring Chad. Libya's official news agency Jana reported. "The leader (Qaddafi) calmed down Sudan and affirmed that Libyan forces will not cross the Sudanese borders," Jana said. It said Qaddafi "stressed that Libya's armed forces will defend Sudan if the country suffers from foreign aggression but we will never use our forces to attack it."

Jana said Qaddafi made the comments in an interview with the "Voice of Germany" radio station. An estimated 4,000 Libyan troops with tanks helped Chad President Gokouni Oueddei triumph last year in the Chad civil war.

Shamir flies for U.S. talks

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir flew to New York Tuesday for talks with American leaders, saying Israel believed negotiations on Palestinian autonomy should be resumed. He told reporters that Israel's general elections in June was no reason to delay continuation of the talks, which could contribute to peace in the area.

The autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. have made negligible progress, with Israel refusing to contemplate any substantial powers of self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Shamir said that in his talks in Washington with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, he would express Israel's objections to any massive sale of advanced weapons to Arab states or other Middle East countries by either the U.S. or Western Europe.

"The United States will bear our arguments on this, and our feeling that such weapons present a threat to peace," he said. Other subjects to be raised are the security arrangements in Sinai toward the final phase of the Israeli withdrawal and the possibility of a meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Menachem Begin after Reagan meets Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Shamir will ask Washington to contribute know-how and experts to Israel's arms industry, the *Jerusalem Post* said Tuesday. He will also request permission for Israel to export arms containing American components the paper added.

Nuclear non-proliferation

Treaty ratified by Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (AP) — Egypt's parliament has ratified a government decision to join an international treaty on nuclear non-proliferation after the legislators were told that the step has become a necessity for developing the country's energy resources. Egypt signed the treaty in 1968 but delayed ratification until Israel joined the accord, a move Israel resisted taking so far.

But Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told parliament Monday that ratification would help Egypt benefit from guarantees provided by the U.N. Security Council enabling members of the treaty obtain a nuclear bomb from those who own such dreadful weapons in case of exposure to a nuclear threat.

"Egypt has the capabilities and possibilities to manufacture a nuclear bomb," Ali commented when an opposition member said that by ratifying the treaty, Egypt would be bowing to Israel, according to the Middle East News Agency.

Ali also repeated a statement he made before the "Shura" council, an advisory panel officially called senate, that Egypt has persuaded Israel during the latest U.N. General Assembly session to agree to a draft proposal for declaring the Middle East a nuclear-free zone.

France agreed last week to provide with two nuclear power generating stations with a capacity of 2,000 megawatts, the necessary fuel and technology to operate them during a visit to Paris by President Anwar Sadat. The French agreement came four days after the Shura council endorsed joining the treaty.

Ali said ratification would also help finalize a tentative agreement reached in December 1979 with the United States on nuclear cooperation. He said studies by Egyptian and American experts estimated Egypt's needs to about eight stations with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts each during the coming 20 years. Sadat is expected to sign the ratification documents soon, according to

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (R) — The Palestine National Council (PNC) will hold its 15th session next April at which a new Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee would be chosen, PNC Chairman Khaled Fahoum said in Damascus Monday.

METULLAH, (AP) — Seven armed men were intercepted near the village of Kafra, Northern Israel, by Dutch troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping body said Tuesday.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Two Egyptians who were arrested at the international book fair here on Jan. 29 for handing out anti-Israeli leaflets were set free at the weekend, informed sources said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Two Americans imprisoned in North Yemen for allegedly spying for Israel were released Feb. 8, the State Department announced Monday night.

West Germany affirms support for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has assured Pakistani leaders that his country will support Pakistan in order to improve the security of the region. Genscher, on a two-day official visit, gave the assurance Monday during talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi.

After the talks, Shahi told newsmen: "Both sides had an essential identity of outlook as regards the regional situation and the problem of Afghanistan." He said he and Genscher also discussed the Iran-Iraq war and the potential for further conflict in the region.

Genscher told reporters that West Germany is "interested in maintaining the territorial integrity and stability of Pakistan."

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How safe is 'all-proof' fortress

By Katharine Whitcomb

LONDON, (OSS) — The news that an entire estate in California is to be built as a sort of luxury fortress for the rich — special guards, extra security locks on everything, bullet-proof begonias in the flower beds — is enough to make smile delightedly.

The prospective owners of the house on this lot are all so dripping with money that the idea of an introductory offer of a Rolls Royce had to be dropped — there was hardly anyone who hadn't already got one. What they think they are buying is safety and peace of mind; and I wouldn't deny that they may be going to sleep slightly quieter at night than, say, a single girl in a red-light district with faulty locks on the door and no porter in the lift.

But I would take a sizeable bet that once the entire outfit is completed one or all of the following things will happen.

First, some of the security locks and bolts and alarms will not, in practice, be set,

because it's all such an almighty bother. We could all be safer in our beds at night with nine locks on the bedroom door, except that means nine locks to undo and fasten up again if you go to the bathroom in the night, so the hell with it.

Second, at least one of the security guards will turn out to be someone with a keen eye for all those mink coats, impressionists and diamonds as big as the Ritz; and, even if they screen out everyone who has ever stolen so much as a Hershey bar, why then, someone with a blameless record will suddenly yearn to dirty it.

Third, any such well-advertised castle of treasures will automatically become a status symbol for every self-respecting criminal. Where once all the villains would plan how to attack Fort Knox, they will now scheme and dream about getting inside this one. Someone, too, will make a caper movie about how to get into it, and it would not be astonishing if one of the cameramen suddenly found he'd picked up an ormolu ashtray or two.

They might, with luck, find a few of the Mafia bosses anxious to move in with them — there's a stretch of grand real estate near London which gets almost no burglaries, because all the big gangsters live there. But even that has its hazards: what would happen if you accidentally stepped on one of the family's Pekinese?

However, the main reason for the unkind laughs is not any of this. It is because, when you've had a burglary or a break-in, let alone a rape or a beating-up, one of the worst of the things you suffer is that it leaves you in a state of fear. You don't like to walk alone because someone may come at you; you hesitate to wear your favorite ring because someone may steal it; and you dare not leave home without locking and re-locking everything three times and worrying yourself sick while you're out.

In a quite serious sense, the first and worst thing a thief takes from you is your peace of mind.



Water shortage in New York

By Michele Abruzzi

NEW YORK, (R) — New York City, which survived a total blackout in 1977 and hovered on the brink of bankruptcy in 1978, is now facing an acute water scarcity. New York and the surrounding area with an estimated 17 million people are suffering the area's worst drought since the mid-1960s, and the forecast is not encouraging.

January was the region's driest month in a century, according to the U.S. National Weather Service. Some New Yorkers, who pride themselves on their ability to cope, are dutifully taking three-minute showers and brushing their teeth with barely wet brushes. But city officials, worried by long-range forecasts that show below average rainfall for the next three months, are urging residents on to greater sacrifices. Otherwise, they say, next summer could become unbearable.

New York, where 90 degree Fahrenheit (32C) summer temperatures are aggravated by high humidity, may have to turn off water completely for several hours a day and ban or limit the air conditioning. Bottled water, considered a luxury in the city said to have the best tasting tap water in the United States, could become a necessity.

The familiar sight of city children playing in the spray of fire hydrants will disappear. But right now, the problem is to convince New Yorkers that the problem is a real one. "It is hard to convince people in the dead of winter that there is a drought when you don't have cow bones bleaching on 42nd Street in the noonday sun," says Francis McArdle, the city's Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

He said that if the worst came to the worst, one measure he would take would be to pump treated sewage effluent through water mains

after warning people not to drink it. But Joseph Conway, the city's Director of Water Supply, said New York had no intention of allowing the reservoirs to dry out completely.

Conway said that an unused pumping station on the Hudson river north of the city was being rehabilitated to provide purified river water if necessary. Water to vacant buildings was being cut off and an electronic equipment was being used to detect leaks. Fountains have

been turned off, street cleaning vehicles are using well or river water and the Fire Department has told its fireboats to use ocean water.

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Mayor Ed Koch who created a stir when he had the city's radio station broadcast the names of men convicted of patronizing prostitutes, now wants to publish the names of water wastrels. Blue and white signs in the subways, endorsed by Koch and McArdle, read: "Help keep New York wet — save water."

Conservation and other measures taken by the city are at present saving 71 million gal-

lons of water a day. But the city's reservoirs have dropped below 28 per cent of capacity, compared with 85.4 per cent at this time last year. The Delaware River Basin Commission, which controls half of New York city's water supply, cut 40 million gallons a day, on Jan. 15.

The commission, consisting of the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, banned non-essential use of water for almost 500 communities in the four states. Four days later, when the city was using its usual 1.5 billion gallons of water a day, Koch declared a drought emergency and required that commercial users cut consumption by 15 per cent and residential users by 25 per cent.

If consumption has not dropped to 1.25 billion gallons a day by April 1, phase two of the emergency takes effect. This requires greater conservation and prohibits watering lawns, filling swimming pools etc. Under phase three, pressure in water mains would be lowered and water-saving devices installed on shower heads and taps.

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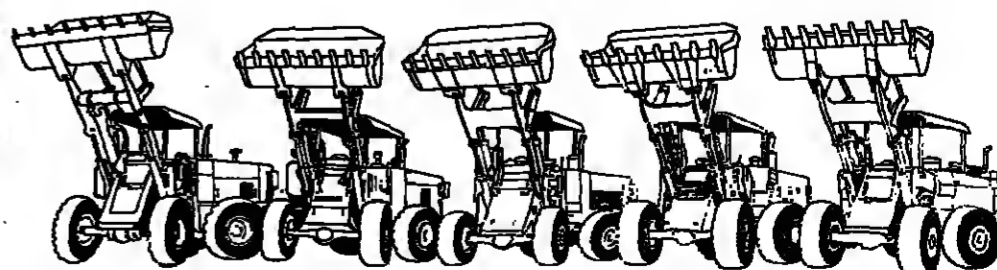
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NOTHING NEW

The new in the Iraqi-Iranian war is nothing but the return of the old. President Saddam Hussein of Iraq declared his readiness to order new, wider offensives and capture new towns unless the Iranians comply with Iraq's demand for negotiations.

The Iraqi president also said, if only by implication, that the Soviet Union is not supplying his country with arms, but that Iraq has been shopping widely and successfully, and is confident both as to the quality and quantity of the supplies.

On the opposite side, the Iranians have reiterated their principle of no negotiations before a complete Iraqi withdrawal, and have compared the Iraqi occupation of parts of their territory to the Israeli occupation of Palestine. The Iranians have nothing to say about their own occupation of the three Arab islands in the Gulf.

On the front itself, there have been reports of intensified Iranian activity in the northern sector. But the Iranians have their own internal troubles in that area, as the Kurds use the opportunity afforded by the war to reassert their claims to autonomy.

Up to now, Western sources are holding the view that Iraq's military ability is rather limited. They point out that the long campaign has yielded less results than it ought to have, at least in terms of towns occupied. Abadan is still to be taken and Susangard is still in Iranian hands. Dezful and Ahwas, invested for a long time, do not seem to be in danger of falling.

It is probable that both sides will find it expedient to save their resources until spring, when the ground will once more favor large-scale armor-action. If the Iraqis have been able to obtain more arms for the expected showdown, the Iranians too will find it easier to obtain them, following the end of the crisis with America over the hostages.

SADAT'S CALL

Emerging from a meeting with his guest, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria, President Sadat issued a call, once more, for the formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile, to take over the role played at present by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The call is hardly new, and it has already been rejected by the PLO, which ended the meeting of its Central Council in Damascus Sunday with an affirmation of its role as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, as well as of the right of that people to self-determination, following complete Israeli withdrawal from all of the occupied territories.

The PLO's view of the possibility of a government-in-exile for Palestinians has always been that the matter is not a tactical one, as Sadat seems to think, but strategic. A Palestinian government, so this view goes, can only be established over Palestinian soil, and with the freely given assent of the people therein. To form such a government without the fulfillment of these solemn conditions is to detract from the solemnity of such a step.

Kreisky himself, it was reported, was less than enthusiastic about Sadat's call. In fact, it was said that his reluctance was so marked, and so representative of the Europeans as a whole, that Sadat is beginning to have second thoughts.

Sadat needs all the points of agreements he can establish with the Europeans. They represent a chance, however slim, of breaking out from his present isolation.



The trouble spots facing the Soviet Union

By Robert Gillette

MOSCOW — From the Barents Sea to the Afghan border to the North Pacific, the Soviet Union finds itself rimmed with a remarkable assortment of diplomatic squabbles, hot spots and open wars, some of which Moscow brought upon itself and some of which were thrust upon it.

There are arguments with Norway over offshore oil rights in the Barents Sea and over Norway's acceptance of new military supplies for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The unrest in Poland continues. The war between Iraq and Iran grinds along, and the Islamic revolution in Iran has prompted warnings from security authorities in neighboring Soviet Azerbaijan for increased "vigilance."

Meanwhile, the war of attrition in Afghanistan shows no sign of resolution. Soviet support of Vietnam and its occupation of Cambodia is proving to be a costly though useful venture. China remains as hostile as ever, and relations with Japan, in one diplomat's words, are at best "marginally correct."

How all this trouble is likely to affect Soviet perceptions of the world around it, and Moscow's conduct of relations with the United States in particular, is hard to say. Soviet officials are not given to sharing their innermost hopes and fears with foreigners. "I'm sure all this is going to make them more grumpy, more unpleasant than ever," a Western European diplomat said, with a sigh of resignation.

Already, with the Reagan presidency only a few weeks old, the Soviet leadership and its controlled press seem to be biting their collective tongue in anticipation of a picky, if not openly antagonistic, new relationship with Washington.

"Presidents of the United States turn out to be ever more disgraceful failures, one after another," Vitaly Kobysch, a political commentator who works for the Communist Party's Central Committee, wrote in the latest issue of *Literary Gazette*, which appeared on Reagan's inauguration day.

Establishing relations with a new American president is only one of many challenges facing Soviet foreign policy-makers. More often than not, their response to challenge is peculiarly Soviet brand of barbed diplomacy. In general, diplomats here think the Russians take a divided view of the trouble spots along their border, regarding them as potential sources of contagious disorder and also as fertile ground for cultivating Soviet political influence.

"I don't think the Soviet Union would ever really want turmoil on its borders," a European diplomat observed. "On the whole, it would prefer peaceful neighbors — who are inclined to take a Soviet view of things."

No one, however, doubts that Moscow would seek new strategic gains wherever the opportunity might arise. If the risks seem low, Poland remains by far the most worrisome trouble spot on the Soviet border. Continuing labor unrest and a sinking economy pose a major challenge to Communist Party authority and a threat to the integrity of this strategic link between the Soviet Union and East Germany. Absolute control of East Germany is paramount in Soviet strategy, according to Western diplomats, as a means of guarding against the reunification of the two Germans on any terms other than Soviet.

Yugoslavia and Albania managed to slip out of the Soviet sphere, and the geographic barriers that insulate them from the Soviet Union have, as much as anything else, made the price of reclaiming them unacceptably high. "But (Moscow) is not going to let this happen to northern tier of the Moscow Pact," a European diplomat said. "Poland is part of the Soviet European empire and they're not going to give it up."

In the Middle East, the Soviet Union remains a player on the fringes of the most important political action — the effort to reconcile Israel's demands for strategic security with Palestinian demands for a homeland. Cut out of direct play by the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel, the Soviet Union has sought entry by the back door, solidifying its 10-year-old relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization. In the view of analysts here, Moscow has gained a helpmate — though by no means an indentured servant — in its role as spoiler in the Middle East peace negotiations.

Last October, the Soviets consolidated a long-standing relationship with Syria by the signing of a friendship treaty, but an opportunity for political payoff, and movement to the center ring, is considered likely only when, or if, Syria and Israel start talking about control of the strategic Golan Heights.

Moscow is thought genuinely to regard the Iran-Iraq war as an unfortunate turn of events. The war has focused American concern more strongly than ever on the security of Gulf oil supplies and bought the first steps toward a new American military buildup in the region.

While a serious weakening of either the Iranian or Iraqi governments could offer the Soviets an opening for new influences any overt Soviet military move could also bring what one European diplomat terms "the worst, from the Soviet point of view" — direct American military involvement in the Middle East.

Despite the revolution in Iraq and the Islamic rise along the borders of the Soviet Union's Muslim Central Asian Republics, Moscow probably regards the collapse of American influence as a net gain. For one thing, it left a strategic vacuum that made the move into Afghanistan less risky.

On the other hand, one analyst noted, "the Soviets have been unable to build on the turmoil in Iran." Trade between the two countries is at a low ebb, although Tehran recently ratified a new transit agreement with Moscow. Iran has not resumed natural gas exports to the Soviet Union, and Moscow is still bristling about what it calls, with some irony, a "criminal violation" of its embassy grounds in Tehran last Dec. 27 by Afghan exiles.

The Soviet move into Afghanistan could prove to be one of those rare "binge events" in history upon which the destiny of an entire geographic region swings. Soviet troops now occupy two sides of Iran and confront Pakistan at the Khyber pass.

Far from showing any inclination to withdraw from Afghanistan, the Russians are setting in for a long stay. They are working hard, as official reports in the Soviet press constantly remind readers, to implant Soviet-style institutions ranging from government-controlled trade unions to youth

organizations — much as the Soviet Union did over the decade it took to reconquer Czarist lands in Central Asia in the 1920s and early 1930s.

"After a year in Afghanistan, it's a political and military standoff, with no dramatic gains on either side," a senior Western diplomat said. "But the Soviets are firmly establishing themselves as an occupying force."

Moscow has also assumed the burden of propping up the Vietnamese economy and financing Hanoi's occupation of Cambodia. By one authoritative estimate, made late last year, Vietnam and Cambodia cost the Soviet Union \$3 million a day, or about \$1.1 billion a year. But for its money the Kremlin has purchased an important strategic advantage. Besides bolstering its objective of containing Communist China's influence in Southeast Asia, the Soviet Union has gained access to superb, American-built naval facilities at Cam Ranh Bay and the air base at Danang in Vietnam. From the latter, long-range TU-95 reconnaissance planes roam out to the Philippines and Indonesia.

On the negative side, Western analysts note that Moscow's ventures in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia have helped cement relations among Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Indonesia and Japan. And the Soviet moves have stimulated all of them, most notably Japan, to re-examine defense capabilities. Under prodding from Washington, Japan plans to raise its defense spending 7.6 per cent this year to \$11.7 billion, which is 2 per cent less than Washington had urged but a sizable increase that will partly offset U.S. force reductions in Japan and South Korea.

The Soviet reaction to Japan's decision has been

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Al Riyadh Tuesday led with Saudi Arabia's strong denunciation of Jordanian diplomat Hisham Mohaisen in Beirut, and its appeal to Lebanon to intensify efforts to get him back safely. *Al Medina* gave lead prominence to a statement by British Minister of State Douglas Hurd, in which he said that the starting point for any settlement to the Middle East crisis would be to include Palestinians in the negotiations and to give them the right to self-determination. Kuwaiti Premier and Heir-Apparent Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah's reaffirmation that assault on any Gulf state would be considered an assault on all the states of the Gulf was given lead coverage by *Otaq*.

Newspapers frontpaged the Kingdom's condemnation of the Gulf Cooperation Council highlighting Arab and international reaction and support to the council. They also gave front-page coverage to the arrival of Iraqi and Iranian envoys with messages for Crown Prince Fahd from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai. *Al Bilad* reported in a front-page story that King Khaled would dedicate Jeddah's new international airport next April.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on the Gulf Cooperation Council highlighting Arab and international reaction and support to the council. They also dealt with the Middle East issue and the European move, and said that Europe's collective and positive role could lead to the creation of peaceful conditions in the region. *Al Medina* noted in an editorial that the non-aligned nations' interest in the Gulf Cooperation Council reaffirms that the council would constitute an effective force and would serve the objectives of non-alignment. The six Arab states of the Gulf are strongly committed to the principles of non-alignment, as all of them oppose Communism and its repressive activities, the paper said. It added that these states are the staunch supporters for the creation of a new world order based on the principles of Islam. Cooperation on the basis of Islam would create a balance in international relations and thwart all efforts of the superpowers to dominate the emerging and smaller nations, it said.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* observed that the first step the council could take would be to achieve full coordination in mapping a general policy for higher and vocational education and providing national cadres for the implementation of development projects. The council would be called upon to give a practical shape to the idea of integration among the six Arab states of the Gulf, it said.

Al Yam observed that the creation of the council earned both its supporters and opponents. Those who oppose it do so because the council has dissipated their dreams and expansionist designs in the region, but their hostility would give strength to the determination of the peoples of the region to march ahead on the road to progress and prosperity, the paper said. It urged the council members to intensify their efforts to bring their cooperation to prominence, which would ensure further peace, prosperity and stability for the region.

Al Bilad highlighted Arab and international reaction to the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council and said that official support has given prominence to its role in reinforcing ties and coordination among the Arab states of the Gulf. The international interest in the council has, in fact, reflected the broad vision of the leaders of the region and the hopes and aspiration of their peoples. The paper said the crown prince's statement on the council has given full dimensions to the way it employs the potentials of the region for the common good of its peoples.

Otaq said the Arab states of the Gulf are one entity and are conscious of the dangers surrounding them. But they are in a position to take effective measures to safeguard all the components of security and stability in the region. The creation of the Cooperation Council would help the region in upholding its principles and keeping aloof from international tussles.

Letters to the editor

Dear Sir,

There is an historic fact which nobody can deny. This fact is that Eritrea has never been part of Ethiopia. It was only linked with Ethiopia in a loose federal union in 1952 by a resolution passed by the United Nations and sponsored by the United States. However, the former emperor of Ethiopia Haile Selassie, who was toppled by his own suppressive armed forces, tried to suppress this historic fact, and sought to force the world to forget about it. He used to talk about Eritrea as if it were part of his empire by domain. He then made up his mind to make Eritrea an integral part of his empire by force and do away with its distinctive entity. So, on Nov. 14, 1962, he passed an edict and ordered his troops to occupy Eritrea and his orders were carried out in full. Thus, the Eritrean flag was pulled down, and the act of federal union between the two countries was flagrantly violated by the imperial decision which declared Eritrea an Ethiopian province.

It is deplorable to see that the military rulers who wrested the power from Haile Selassie have adopted most of the emperor's policies and opinions regarding Eritrea.

Like its predecessor the present Ethiopian regime prefers to call us "secessionists" whenever they mention Eritrea. But can the word "secessionism" be applied on the Eritrean people whose flag was pulled down, whose national assembly disol-

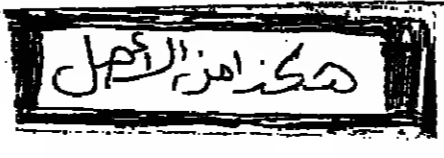
ved, whose national government dismissed, whose constitution declared null and void, our rights usurped and our homeland occupied? Is it right to call the people of Eritrea "secessionists" if they take up arms in order to recover their usurped rights and recapture their independence and freedom which the Ethiopians have trodden under foot? What people would relinquish their entity and dignity? Which nation would not resist oppression, debasement and exploitation? Which nation would accept outsiders to occupy its country and accept humiliation as second class citizens?

I call on peace-loving peoples of the world to take firm action in support of the Eritrean people in their just and legitimate struggle to rectify the grave mistake of the United Nations by federating Eritrea with Ethiopia.

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The unspoiled charm of high Yemen

By Paul Langley

JEDDAH — We departed from Jeddah airport with the glow of a morning sun creeping up from behind the distant sand-dunes. A breakfast of crepes Normandy and a climb in 3,200 feet brought us eventually to Sana'a, the capital of the Yemen Arab Republic.

Yemen is a country with continual sunshine but the additional comfort of a regular rain-shower and a mild cooling breeze. We were surrounded by greenery — morning glory shooting up the walls, sweetcorn tassels waving in the garden and streets lined with a desert willow. Dust, sun, green and antiquity — we had arrived into a country quite unique.

Dumping our bags, we made a dash to the Sheba Hotel for a lunch. After lunch we travelled southward leaving Sana'a behind. Our destination was the town of Taiz nestling among the hills. A spectacular journey with the added thrill of an electric storm — skies flashing up behind the mountains with our lone car laboring on through the floods.

Every 25 miles or so we were stopped by a police checkpoint. The policemen dressed immaculately in Khaki uniforms were young boys and nearly always chewing qat. What was this strange plant? Small, green and bushy, the qat plant was growing everywhere and the familiar pattern soon revealed itself — qat twigs picked first thing in the morning — taken down from the mountains to be sold at the morning market. Bartering for the best price (a days supply costs about £5) and then home for an afternoon of chewing. A store of pulp is made in the left cheek, creating an enormous abscess-like bulge. Chewing the cud and drinking "Pepsi" you slowly lose your tensions and inhibitions and escape to fantasy. An entire population constantly getting high in the lusty afternoon sun. The journey through the mountains took over four hours and upon reaching Taiz night had fallen and the town was an enchanting mass of candle-lit dwellings sparkling in the silent air.

behind the shop adjoining the landmark mosque. Seated upon mats on the floor and eating with our fingers we enjoyed a nourishing meal of rice, curry, lamb and grain. A can of peaches was opened for dessert and we then moved into the salon. The entire afternoon was spent in this remarkable household.

A room crammed with people; brothers, sisters, uncles, nieces. Smoking the hubble hubble and getting high on qat we could never have hoped for a more enjoyable afternoon. The experience was overwhelming and it was with great reluctance that we drew ourselves away seven hours later. Escorted through the alleyways to our car we bid goodbye to our generous hosts and spent the rest of the evening high in the mountain which overlooks the town. Crickets bumbling in the greenery, howling dogs in the distance and the echo of prayers from the mosque, we all sat without speech. Our fascinating encounter had knocked us all into silence and it was with the friends in mind that we ended the day.

Awaking exceptionally early I decided upon a lone stroll around town. Leaving a note for John. I sat watching day break and soon found myself in the suq again. Stalls were beginning to open and for breakfast I chose a freshly grilled sweetcorn with herbal tea. Today my camera brought enemies. Taking a photograph of a spice shop interior (complete with Arabic scales and lazng kittens) I soon found the owner chasing me through the streets in anger. The owner thought my camera was pagan and that the shop was now cursed. I managed to shake the owner off and feeling it wise to escape the area I boarded a taxi to the other side of town where I chose a kerbside stone to sit down, relax and take in more of the atmosphere.

Joined by an old man, and later a small boy, they both sat on either side and with limited speech we made simple exchanges.

I was particularly moved by an incident which occurred when I got up to leave. We had been together for about 40 minutes... the old man had offered drink and cigarettes and made a strained effort at communication. The boy, however, had remained silent since whenever he tried to attract my attention the old man had cut him short and ordered him to

introduced ourselves we were surprised by the warm reception. Recognizing that our chief interest lay in the fort, the villagers led us up along the best paths to the fort. Mist was still swirling all around and with the wind howling through the solid stone walls we were transfixed far into another time. Intricate dungeons, elaborate water wells... an amazing place. Stumbling back down the mountain-side we had time for a brief look around the small settlement.

The tribal riches were put on display — silver bedouin jewelry, rare stones and ancient Yemeni daggers inlaid with silver reliefs. As the women-folk began to light the candles we knew that we should return back to Sana'a and were accompanied down the road by children. Waving goodbye they presented us all with bunches of strong-smelling flowers which they had been secretly collecting from the hills throughout the afternoon.

The mist had now cleared and the sky was illuminated by the haze of the setting sun. Many police checks later we rumbled down into Sana'a and ended the day back in the villa with a chicken hroast. Awakening early, a marmalade breakfast gave way to a morning wander through Sana'a. Since this was our final day in the Yemen we were naturally quite subdued. Our final taste of "Arabia Felix". Inching our way through the streets we both insisted on souvenirs. The date and raisin merchant by the city gate gave us a corn on the cob and, sitting down to observe the tiny children setting up shop in the streets to sell their jacket potatoes, we were forced to accept one free of charge.

Live sheep and chickens were being carried home over the shoulder and the ladies were drying up vegetables in the kerbside. As the



A qat-seller in Taiz

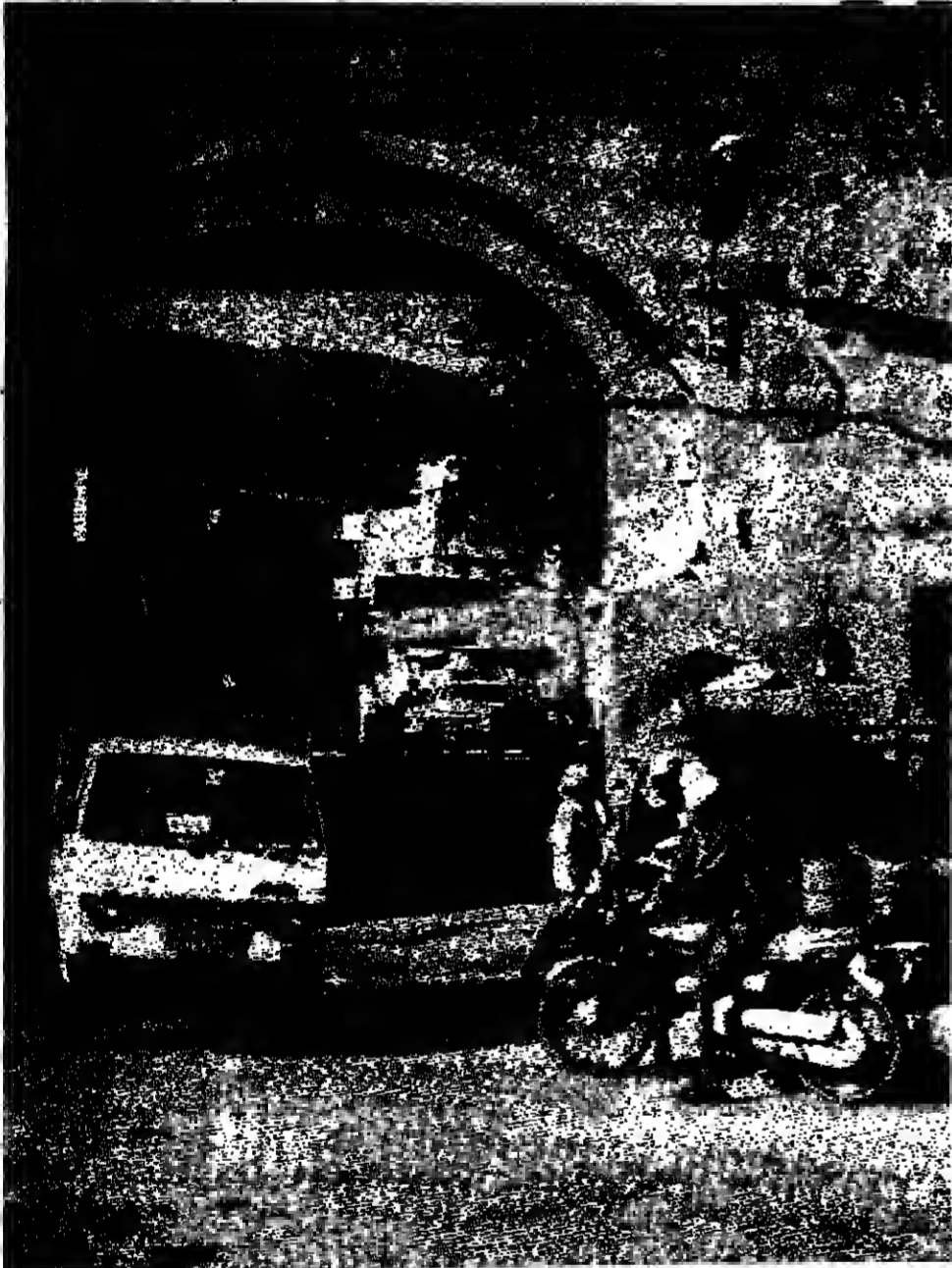
'midday sun streamed over the town and everyone prepared for their session of qat we decided to take a massage at the Sheba. This hotel is run exclusively by Indians and the massage was perfect... head, cheeks, toes and fingertips; we walked away refreshed and renewed. Our afternoon excursion was to Wendi-Dar — a green oasis 10 miles outside Sana'a.

The most exciting feature of the oasis was no natural characteristic but something

man-made; a fantastic rock palace. The home of the former king until the late 50's, the palace was built as an excellent defensive since, perched high on a cliffside, it commanded views for miles around. By handing over 20 riyals to the caretaker we were able to obtain the keys and have a wander round. All the treasures had been stolen or otherwise removed but it was nevertheless quite enjoyable exploring the empty rooms and hidden passages. After the spectacular sunset which threw a soft red light across the valley, we

headed back to Sana'a and had supper in "Sam City" hotel.

The adventure was complete...our return flight to Jeddah was at 7:20 the following morning and it had naturally come around far too soon. Having fallen in love with the Yemen, I was intoxicated by crazy ideas of moving to live off the land and surrender all to this remarkable country. With the thrusting jet bringing us back into Jeddah our every thoughts were with "Arabian Felix."



The gate to the suq

Our transit home was a romantic plant-covered hill villa. Standing on the balcony, we had the sleepy town below... lazy and quiet but for the slow turn of a humble light-strewn ferris wheel in the distance. Exhausted and overwhelmed from the excitement of our journey we retired to bed and in a silent slumber lay nibbled by the mosquitoes.

Awaking early, the second day in the Yemen began with a morning of drama. A leak in the gas stove resulted in a minor explosion and, with singed eye-lashes and sized fringe, we rushed into the bathroom and doused in cold water. Breakfast on the patio was subsequently late and our day didn't begin until 10.30 a.m. Our destination was the suq an ancient antiquity encased within tall, crumbling walls. Children swarming everywhere... playing with goats, skipping with ropes and beaming with smiles.

Thrilled because I had taken his photograph, a small Yemeni boy was soon grabbing hold of my hand and urging me to follow. He was eager to ensure I didn't miss the best views and was ever willing to pose before the panorama. The acquaintance grew and I now found myself being taken through narrow streets eventually reaching a tiny grocery shop. Here we found the boy's family surrounded by a multitude of children... his family. The brothers, armed with air pistols, were shooting at targets on the wall. They urged me to try and were thoroughly amused at my miserable efforts to score. Not speaking Arabic myself, communications were difficult but it soon became apparent that we were invited to lunch. The house was situated immediately

keep quiet. Leaving the roadside I shook the girl's hand, said goodbye and then moved to do likewise with the young boy. My hand was eagerly accepted and the boy bowed his head to kiss it three times. The absolute expression of Arabic friendship and the sort of warmth which was radiated throughout the entire stay in Taiz. We naturally left the town unwillingly.

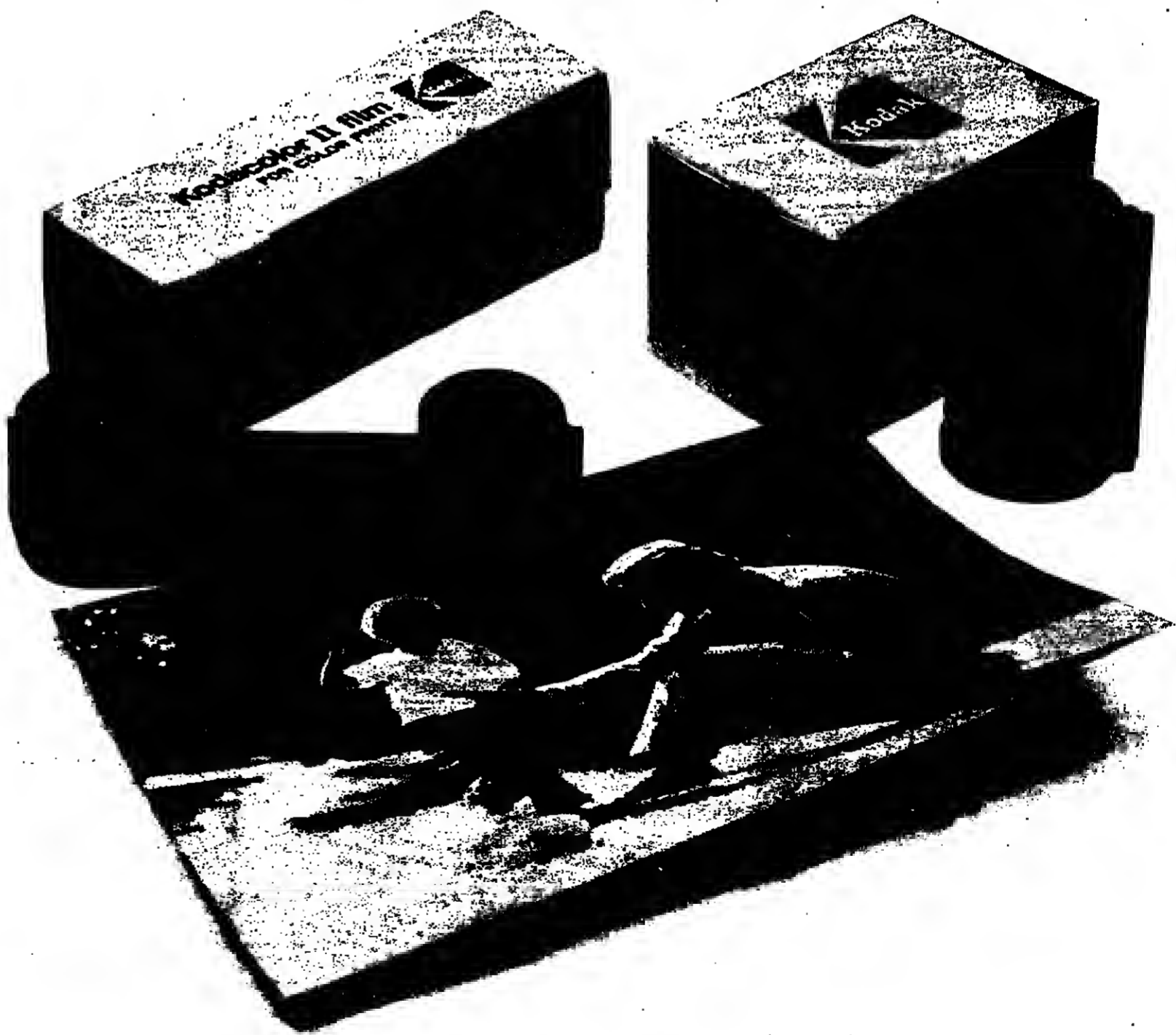
The return journey to Sana'a in daylight was spectacular. The sun was shining from an unbroken blue sky and with so much beautiful scenery the vehicle was continually stopping on the wayside.

We stopped at Ibh, a romantic hill town, where we found ourselves being invited for afternoon tea with the Egyptian school teacher. Hens and livestock filled the streets, children greeted us with salutes and old men on corners were offering for us to try their qat. Rain was beginning to fall, and when we resumed our ascent home we found ourselves encased within the clouds... a deep dense mist making the mountain roads more treacherous than ever. Chewing on the apples we had bought at Ibh, we were suddenly distracted by a looming form to our right. With the mist momentarily clearing we found that it was in fact a Turkish fort perched high on the mountain. Presumably, we were now on one of the highest peaks in the region.

As we parked the vehicle we saw the tribal village at the base of the fort and the many curious faces geared in the track and nervously kicked our heels up the track and nervously

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Space center begins Columbia countdown

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 17 (R) — American space experts have begun a formal countdown for one of the last and most important tests of the U.S. space shuttle — a 20-second firing later this week of the revolutionary spacecraft's three main rocket engines. The two-and-a-half-day countdown, identical to the pre-launch procedure, began at the Kennedy space center here

U.S. envoy raps critics of S. Africa policy

GENEVA, Feb. 17 (R) — A representative of the new U.S. administration has condemned South Africa's apartheid policy but questioned the motives of critics whose governments did not observe even minimal standards of human rights.

Richard Schifter told the United Nations Human Rights Commission Monday that the United States abhorred apartheid. But "strident rhetoric and calls for radical action" could encourage violence in South Africa or harden opposition to change, he said. "We cannot or will not aid or abet terrorism or terrorists," Schifter said. He urged the commission to support South Africans of all races who stood for peaceful change.

Schifter did not name any country but told the 43-nation commission during its debate on South Africa: "We have reason to question the motivations of those who mount criticism of the human rights record of other countries when their own systems of government fail to observe even minimal standards of human rights."

Monday night and will continue until just after dawn Thursday, when the three giant engines will be ignited together for the first time.

The brief test, during which the engines will be brought up to full power, and then throttled back to 60 per cent thrust, is one of the last milestones that must be passed before the shuttle's first launch, now scheduled for sometime in the middle of April. Throughout the countdown the reusable shuttle craft, called Columbia, will remain posed on launch complex 39, along with its enormous blimp-like liquid fuel tank and its two extra rocket boosters. The two solid fuel boosters will not be fired during the test, thus preventing an actual launch.

In addition to testing the shuttle's engines, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) officials will also be checking the extremely complex computer programs and advanced electronics to be used in the launching.

These tests are important because the shuttle system is totally new and most of it — both software and hardware — has never been used before. The countdown already has been delayed several days by minor technical problems. Delays, however, are not new to the shuttle program. It is already two years behind schedule and has cost almost \$3 billion more than its original price tag of \$5 billion.

Despite the delays and rising expenses, the shuttle remains the key to all of the United States' space efforts for the rest of the century. By the middle of the 1980's NASA plans to have a fleet of four or five reusable shuttle craft ferrying men and equipment into orbit as frequently as once every two weeks.



WAITING FOR BARGAIN: Hundreds of people camped overnight at Logan International Airport in Boston and later stood in line five abreast Sunday in the hope of flying to New York and back for less than the price of a cup of coffee. The low fare of 29 cents, offered by New York Air, was only for the day.

Tragedies narrated

Ireland mourns fire victims

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 17 (AP) — As the nation mourned the 44 victims of Saturday's horrendous fire at the Stardust nightclub, personal tragedies began to emerge from the row houses of working class north Dublin.

The close-knit McDermott family, whose 20-year-old son, Willie, was identified among the dead, was in a state of shock. For still missing more than 60 hours after the holocaust at the Young People's Disco were another son, Georg, 19, and daughter Marcella, aged 17. Just four days ago, the McDermotts were a happy family looking forward to the wedding of eldest son, Jimmy, 23. Now they wait in desperation in the hope that somehow, somewhere their two missing loved ones will turn up safely.

Ironically, father James Bridget is a fireman at Dublin's Tara Ureast station. Every few hours Monday he made the grim trip to the city mortuary for the latest ones. As of Monday afternoon, only 24 of the victims had been identified, the other bodies being charred beyond recognition.

Mrs. Bridget McDermott was under sedation, and the couple's children Jimmy 23, June 22, Brenda 21, Louise 14, and Celine 11, maintained a despairing vigil in the family row house in the Raheny district of north Dublin. Neighbors and friends offered their support.

Mrs. Christine Keegao lost two daughters, Mary 19, and Martina 17. A third, Aotoinette, is recovering in hospital. "I sent my three daughters out and they looked beautiful. Now I have lost two of them," she said tearfully Monday.

Reid, her badly burned face and hands in bandages, smiled despite the pain as she lay in a bed at Dublin's James hospital. "I'm alive and it's great," she said. The 22-year-old Dubliner described what happened in the early hours Saturday toward the end of a *Dance the night away*.

The fire, the worst in Irish capital's history, injured 130 people. Nine were reported in critical condition Monday.

"There were six of us together, dancing away. Then we saw the fire... within minutes the flames seemed to be everywhere. I ran to a back door, but there was a crowd gathered at it and somebody said it was locked I couldn't breathe in the smoke and I couldn't let out... I gave up, I just gave up and lay on the ground to die... Then suddenly I heard a great crash and I saw headlights shining at me through the darkness.

"Somebody had driven a car from outside through the door to smash it down. I just leaped up and ran to the lights and then I was outside. Whoever drove that car into the door deserves a medal because all around me people were choking on the floor. We all ran to the lights and lived," she said.

UNESCO draft plan for newsmen opposed

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R) — Proposals for an international commission to protect journalists met stiff opposition from Western journalists at a meeting called by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) here Monday.

Western representatives objected particularly to suggestions that the proposed commission would issue identity cards to journalists on dangerous assignments. They said this would amount to licensing correspondents and so damage press freedom. But delegates from journalists' groups in Asia, Africa and Latin America called for effective measures to protect correspondents.

Dana Bullen of the United States, speaking for the World Press Freedom Committee, said: "A card in a reporter's pocket will not save him from a sniper or a mob or a fast-moving car." He said newsmen were expelled or jailed not because nobody knew they were reporters. But because people did know.

The conference came in the wake of last year's UNESCO-sponsored report on international communications, headed by former Irish Foreign Minister Sean Macbride. This became a battleground between left and right on the issue of press freedom. Professional organizations of journalists have since met to discuss the issue and on their recommendations.

UNESCO commissioned Pierre Gaborit, professor of political science at the University of North Paris, to draw up a draft plan.

This plan, under study here, suggested that the proposed commission should be compared to non-governmental groups, with governments phased in when appropriate. A passage to which Western delegates strongly objected said: "One of the commission's tasks... should be to equip itself with the means of checking that journalists on dangerous assignments or simply on assignments abroad conform to the generally accepted rules of professional ethics."

Blows exchanged in Indian parliament

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Indian treasury and opposition members exchanged blows in an unprecedented clash in the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament) here Tuesday after charges of atrocities on untouchables in some states. Speaker Balram Jhakar, abruptly adjourned the house as members were seen grappling with each other, shortly after the proceedings had begun.

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spionage charges

French attaches expelled by Prague

PRAGUE, Feb. 17 (AP) — Two French military attaches have been asked to leave Czechoslovakia for allegedly espionage attempts, informed sources here said Monday. A foreign ministry spokesman earlier said that "several members of the military attaché of the French embassy in Prague" had been asked to leave the country within a reasonable period of time.

Sources in Prague confirmed an earlier Czech government statement that the two attaches had left Prague last week. It is believed that the two Czech attaches had left Prague in the meantime. A terse announcement issued by the French foreign minister in Paris last Friday said it had ordered the Czechoslovak government to withdraw two military attaches from its embassy there.

That statement said two French military attaches had been "detained for several days by police," but did not give details. A spokesman for the foreign ministry then said two French diplomats had been "recalled to Paris."

The Czechoslovak state news agency Ceteka Monday quoted the spokesman in Prague as saying that the French officers were found to have performed "activities at variance with recognized norms of international law, provisions of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations, and Czechoslovak laws."

The official report accused members of the French embassy's military staff of having broken traffic rules and entered off-limits areas several days ago for "intelligence gathering." It also said that the Czechoslovak foreign ministry "resolutely protested against the groundless demand of French authorities that two members of the military department of the Czechoslovak embassy in Paris leave the country."

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: Pakistan President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq (right), greets Pope John Paul II on his arrival at Karachi airport Tuesday.

Bomb explodes in Karachi before Pope Paul's arrival

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Feb. 17 — Pope John Paul II Monday escaped what might have been an attempt on his life when three unknown Christian attackers exploded a bomb at Karachi's national stadium where the Pope conducted a mass. But he arrived 20 minutes after the blast which killed the man who carried the explosive device besides wounding his two companions and a police officer.

The crude home-made explosive went off in a scuffle with security men as the three attackers tried to slip into a special enclosure from where the Pope delivered his sermon. From initial police reports it was not clear

whether the two surviving attackers also carried weapons.

The two injured attackers, now heavily guarded in a Karachi hospital, were quickly removed from the scene and a majority of the Christians assembling in this port city from all over the country had no information about the incident. The Pope too was informed of the trouble on his arrival in Manila on the second leg of his Asian tour.

Earlier, the Pope was given a warm welcome. President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq himself received him and the state welcome included a 21-gun salute and an honor guard. The state-run television gave a live telecast of the mass.

U.S. team to rally support of Belgrade over Salvador

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — An American diplomatic team is heading to Yugoslavia to try to rally support against what the Reagan administration says is Soviet-bloc military aid for leftist insurgents in El Salvador, informed sources here said.

The former Soviet ally broke with Moscow under the late President Tito and steers a somewhat independent course in foreign policy. The move to persuade the Belgrade government that the Kremlin is arming the Salvadoran insurgents could prove to be irritating to Moscow.

At the same time, though, the Reagan administration wants to encourage independence in Yugoslavia and draw the east European Communist government closer to the West. A second American group led by Gen. Vernon Walters, a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is going to Latin America, also to rally support for the U.S. position regarding El Salvador, the sources said Monday.

A third delegation planning stops in Belgium, West Germany and Britain is headed by Lawrence Eagleburger, the designated assistant secretary of state for Europe, according to the source. The delegation to

Yugoslavia is headed by Luigi Einaudi, a top policy planner for Latin America in the State Department and a former national security analyst.

Later this week, a "white paper" probably will be issued in the name of Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., with evidence purporting to show that arms for the insurgents in El Salvador are being supplied by the Soviet Union, Cuba and other Marxist countries, the sources said. Neighboring Nicaragua is believed by some officials to be a principal delivery channel.

The United States is known to be considering a boost in assistance to El Salvador on the theory that if the military-backed government falls to the insurgents the damage could spread to Guatemala and Honduras.

Seven guerrillas were killed when a group of leftist guerrillas attacked a national guard post Monday in San Martin, 16 kms East of San Salvador, the government said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Salvadoran army said 30 unidentified bodies had been found in the capital and other towns around the country. About 30 guerrillas were reported to have attacked the national guard post early in the day, but the onslaught was repelled after a brief shootout.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — French Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand returned from a week's visit to China Tuesday to throw himself into a presidential election campaign in which he is expected to provide the main opposition to incumbent Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

KATHMANDU, (AP) — Two students were killed and 12 others wounded when police opened fire during a clash with student demonstrators Monday at Bimgia, about 230 kms east of Kathmandu in Nepal, informed sources said. The students were protesting what they called "misbehavior" involving some teachers in connection with graduation examinations, the sources said.

SEOUL (AFP) — Some 1,000 politicians are expected to stand for a new 276-member South Korean national assembly election scheduled for March 25, it was reported here Tuesday. President Chun Doo-hwan's Democratic Justice Party (DJP) has already named its candidates in each of the 92 electoral districts throughout the country.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Fourteen persons were killed and 15 injured early Monday when a passenger train slammed into the rear of a stationary freight train in northern India, the United News of India (UNI) said. The crash near Daronda station, 800 kms south-east of the Indian capital, overturned five cars and the locomotive of the Barauni-Kanpur passenger train, the agency said.

Leave neutron question as it is, Margaret says

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said the controversial neutron weapon issue should be left "as it is" for the moment. She declined to say whether she agrees with the U.S. suggestions that it should be deployed in western Europe.

Mrs. Thatcher also said Monday there has been misunderstanding about the weapon, which has aroused strong protest from some Europeans who feel it would lower the threshold of nuclear war. At a news conference 20 days before her official visit to the United States, the British leader said she looked forward to closer consultations with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said earlier this month that America might want to deploy the neutron weapon in western Europe, as originally planned by the Carter administration but later withdrawn. Weinberger and other U.S. officials have said America's allies would be consulted before any decision on the device.

Speaking to American correspondents at 10 Downing St. Mrs. Thatcher said she had received no proposal from the United States about possible deployment of the weapon.

"At the moment just leave it as it is," she said. "I've always thought the phrase 'neutron bomb' is not an accurate one. It is a means of being able to tackle mass armor coming across the NATO line, mass armor which the Warsaw Pact countries indeed have."

The neutron weapon is designed primarily to immobilize attacking tank formations through enhanced radiation, without causing widespread damage to surrounding civilian areas.

On Poland, Mrs. Thatcher said: "The best

course one can make to Poland is to continue to make it perfectly clear that Poland must settle her own problems. That is absolutely vital." She said the West should help with food supplies and financial credits, but "all within the framework that Poland must settle her own problems and must be helped in the interim to have the opportunity to settle them."

Mrs. Thatcher said she hoped her talks with Reagan and other U.S. officials would improve links between Washington and its allies. "We're very ready for consultations at any time should anything occur which needs very quick consultation," she said.

Asked if Reagan's election would result in better relations "across the board," she said it was "very fortunate" that Gen. Alexander Haig is secretary of state. He "after all, knows Europe and NATO extremely well. I just think that he will bring therefore a dimension to the problems from experience which is unique," she said.

U.S. plans new bomber

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The United States will add construction of a new type of strategic bomber, plus one additional nuclear aircraft-carrier, to the 1982 budget, government sources said Tuesday. Congress approval will be asked for the supplementary credits next month, the sources added.

The new bomber could be a new version of the B-1, canceled by President Jimmy Carter in 1977. A new aircraft-carrier, costing at least \$2,000 million, is in line with new defense secretary Caspar Weinberger's statement that the U.S. navy should be increased from its present strength of 456 ships to 600 in the next few years.

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Reagan to urge Congress for action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan will tell Congress Wednesday night that the United States must act immediately and follow his prescription of budget and tax cuts, his spokesman has said.

Reagan will "build a case that we must act now," White House press secretary James S. Brady said Monday after reading the text of the address Reagan will deliver to a joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Brady said the speech will offer details on four points: Budget cuts; cuts in individual and business taxes, the latter through an accelerated depreciation schedule; the need for a stabilized monetary system; and regulatory revision initiatives.

The spokesman said Reagan will seek to set straight "some misapprehensions" by emphasizing that there will be "equal treatment for business subsidies as well as other government programs."

That would appear to be an effort to alleviate fears that Reagan will try to stem U.S. government spending increases by cutting programs of social assistance without making reductions in government assistance for business.

Despite recession surplus jumps to record \$1.7b in U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — Britain has announced a record surplus in its trade with the rest of the world last month, despite its recession and recent strength of the sterling.

The department of trade said the visible trade surplus for January totaled £757 million (\$1.7 billion), compared with £367 million (\$840 million) in the previous month. Officials said the increase was mainly due to a drop of 11 per cent in imports because of the severe recession.

Taking into account the business done in the so called invisibles — such as tourism, insurance, banking and shipping — Britain had a balance-of-payments current account surplus in January of £957 million (\$2.2 billion).

The previous best month was a trade profit of £576 million (\$1.3 billion) last October.

The trade department figures showed a drop in imports of £358 million (\$890 million) between December and January. Officials said this fall largely reflected the lack of demand for imported raw materials and semi-manufactured goods as British industry continued to run down its stocks.

Exports in January showed little change from its previous month at £4.01 billion (\$9.2 billion), but were bolstered by unusually large sales of the North Sea oil.

Britain posted a current account payments surplus of £2.3 billion (\$5.5 billion) last year.

The payments surplus has been one of the reasons behind the strength of the pound, which British exporters say has been making it very difficult to sell in overseas markets.

The pound has come down in the last few weeks, particularly against the strong dollar, and was trading Monday just above \$2.25.

The department said that from January it

had altered its method of calculating the figures, to include a number of erratic factors and a new method of making seasonal adjustments. All of Monday's figures reflected this change.

The strength of the pound against most leading world currencies has contributed to the industrial stagnation at home with 2.4 million — or 10 per cent of the work force — now unemployed, a post-1930s record.

Manufacturing production fell a whopping 13.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1980 as bankruptcies, lay-offs and strikes took their toll.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government has said it will not intervene to boost the economy with an injection of public money, but will concentrate of the fight against inflation. In that, it has had some success. The annual inflation rate went down last month from 15.1 per cent to 13 per cent, eighth consecutive monthly fall.

Arab fund lends Rabat \$7 million

ABU DHABI, Feb. 17 (R) — The Arab Monetary Fund has loaned Morocco 1.88 million Arab dinars (\$7 million) to help its balance of payments position.

The Abu Dhabi-based fund Monday said the loan, the second of its kind to Morocco, was for three years with interest rates between 3.75 and 4.75 per cent.

The fund said this raised its total loans granted to member countries over the past three years to \$148 million. The fund, which has 21 Arab country members, was formed in 1977 with the aim of correcting balance of payments disequilibrium in Arab countries.

Japan car firm foresees fall in profits despite rise in sales

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (R) — Toyota, Japan's biggest carmaker, has said it expects after-tax profits to fall by more than 20 per cent to 114 billion yens (\$546 million) in the year to June 30, despite record sales.

It said Monday its profits for the half year to December fell 12 per cent because a strong yen and international trading conditions held down revenue from exports.

Toyota said trading conditions with the United States and Europe this year will complicate world competition for small cars which will become fiercer. It said over half of calendar 1981's expected sales of 3.3 million vehicles will be exported.

Japan has refused to make any commitment on exports to the U.S. and Europe despite the growing pleas for restraint from car industries laboring under the effects of recession.

Toyota's total exports last month were a record for any January, rising 13.4 per cent to

147,400 vehicles. Foreign Trade Minister Rokusuke Tanaka is to visit the U.S. in April or May to try to stop booming Japanese car exports from becoming a series of political issues, officials said here.

Meanwhile, Iran asked Japan to resume work on a giant petrochemical complex in southern Iran, but the Japanese partners in the joint venture say they will make no move until the five-month-long war ends between Iran and Iraq, well-informed industry sources said Tuesday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	5.25	5.50
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	—	—	—
Denmark Mark (100)	2.80	155.00	152.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	137.00	—	140.40
Egyptian Pound	—	4.18	4.34
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.10	91.02
French Franc (100)	64.00	66.00	64.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	68.00	64.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.80
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	5.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	33.50	32.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.40
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.52	10.35
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.17
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.25	84.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	74.00	71.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.90
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	74.50
Pound Sterling	7.53	7.75	91.95
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	92.00	159.60
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	42.00	38.25
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	163.00	167.00
Sri Lanka (100)	—	58.00	86.00
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.34	3.34	3.35
U.S. Dollar	—	73.35	73.35
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	54,300.00	—
Gold kg.	—	6,360.00	—
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12.	Tailung	A.E.T.	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
16.	Professor Szafer	Atsar	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
20.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	14.2.81
21.	Pafagos	M.T.A.	Contra	14.2.81
23.	Spyros V'	El Hawi	Steel/General	14.2.81
24.	Gevo — 1	Ori	Timber/Marble	14.2.81
26.	Hellenic Weva	Alpha	Gen/Wheat/Foodstuffs	15.2.81
29.	Dimitrios K'	O.C.E.	Reefer	15.2.81
31.	Hilco Sklar	Star	Reefer	15.2.81
35.	Khudozhnik Pakhomov	A.E.T.	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
36.	Ville D'Anvars	Barber	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
39.	San Nicolaos	A.A.	Barley	13.2.81
40.	Concordia Taleb	Alsabah	Soameal/Gen/Contra	15.2.81
41.	Abdul Latif	El Hawi	Timber	16.2.81
42.	Philippina Rizal	A.A.	Barley	16.2.81

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Holly	O.C.E.	Timber	17.2.81
Abdul Latif	El Hawi	Timber	16.2.81
Maldive Nobla	Alatas	Sorghum/Beans/Gen.	16.2.81
Tailung	A.E.T.	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
Meltem Univarsal	Star	Fruits	16.2.81
Professor Szafer	Atsar	Contra/Loading MTYs	16.2.81
Toyama	Barber	Contra	16.2.81
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4.	Yu Chun	Ori	General	16.2.81
7.	Papacostas	Alsabaa	General	16.2.81
10.	May Star(2nd Call)	Gosailb	Loading Urea	4.2.81
11.	Blue Express	OCE	Rice	12.2.81
12.	Altenburg	Kanoo	General	15.2.81
16.	Vijaya Darshane	Ori	Gen/Rice	14.2.81
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21.	Pleias	Gulf	Bagged Cement	13.2.81
22.	Grand Encounter	AET	Vehicles	16.2.81
24.	Tohgo Maru	Kanoo	Containers	17.2.81
25.	Caledonia	Gosailb	Bagged Barley	10.2.81
27.	Lank Shanthi	Gulf	Steel/Gen.	16.2.81
32.	Amerantos	Alsabaa	General	16.2.81
33.	Angeliki	Gulf	Bagged Sugar	27.1.81
35.	Capa Leuwin	Ori	Bulk Bauxite	13.2.81
36.	Charles La (D.B.)	Sabah	Bulk Cement	15.2.81
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Sharp rise in oil profits seems leveling off

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — A sharp rise in the profits of the major Western oil companies appears to be leveling off as the increase in world crude oil prices slows, according to oil analysts with leading stockbrokers.

Profits could well be up in 1981, but there would probably be nothing so dramatic as Mobil Corporation's 40 per cent increase in 1980, they said.

They suggested that recession could continue to affect sales of refinery products, although some improvement was possible, while those companies which had gained from higher crude prices would possibly not see substantial new increases this year.

The two European based oil multinationals, Shell group and British Petroleum (BP), have yet to report 1980 figures but U.S. majors all turned in higher profits.

Exxon Corporation, the world's biggest oil

Slowdown in price increase

company, said profits rose 31.8 per cent. It is the only U.S. major without access to Saudi Arabian crude oil.

Despite the higher 1980 earnings, however, a look at the oil companies' performance in the final quarter of 1980 shows possibly a changing picture, oil analysts said.

The profits of Exxon were down 1.1 per cent in the same October-December period of 1979. Those of Texaco and Gulf were also down — Gulf's by one per cent — and the increases for Mobil and the Standard Oil Company of California were more modest than earlier in the year.

Looking to 1981, oil analyst Carol Ferguson of British brokers Wood Mackenzie, who specialize in oil matters, said she foresaw a steady growth in earnings among the majors generally, but probably not as spectacular as last year's.

Sharp rise in oil profits seems leveling off

"We are looking for an average, across-the-board 10 per cent growth in earnings among the U.S. majors and significant growth in Shell," she said.

Analyst Richard Saville of London brokers Phillips and Drew said: "Profits overall may be up on 1980, but not dramatically." The oil companies have mostly done well on the production side of their business with profits there reflecting higher crude oil prices.

But recession, partly induced by the 160 per cent rise in the price of crude since early 1979, has hit sales of petrol, industrial fuel and chemicals in the United States and Europe.

"Although earnings from our energy-producing operations increased by one-third during the year (1980) our downstream businesses suffered during the recessionary economy in the second half of the year," Gulf chairman Jerry McAfee reported.

"Our ability to compete effectively in a weak economy is being hampered by our dependence on a crude oil slate that carries a higher-average cost," he added.

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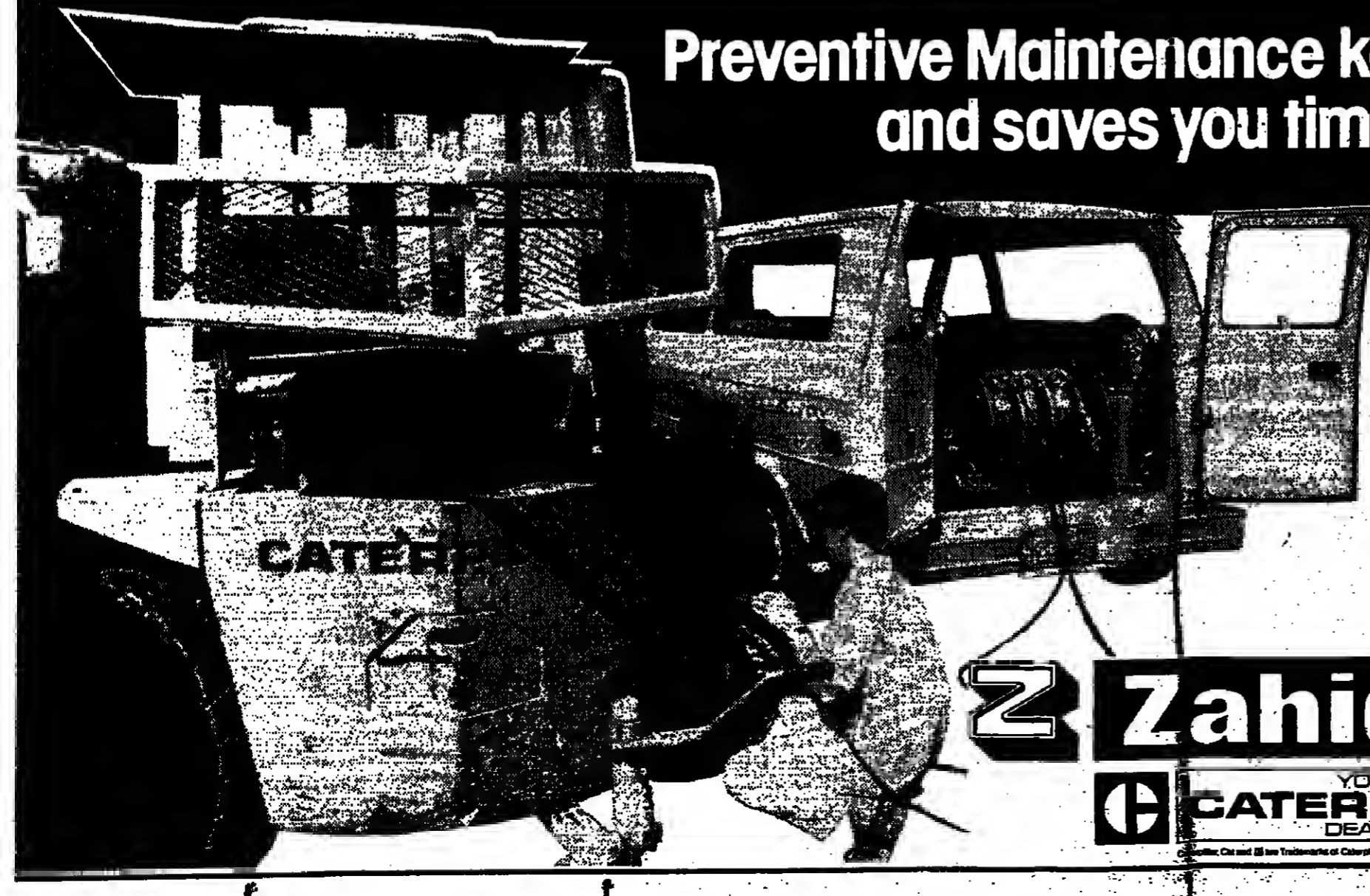
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An agreement has been signed between Al Haydal Trading and Constructioo Est. and Taiwan Greening Business Company which manufactures "Green Carpet". This agreement granted Al Haydal Est. monopoly on the invention in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East.

The agreement was consummated by a grand celebration party in Riyadh Palace Hotel and was attended by a company representative and a number of celebrated guests. The introduction of this invention to the Kingdom by a national company was a great event. The main aim is to extend the green carpeted area in the Kingdom with the quickest and least expensive methods. Undoubtedly, this invention will enable people to surmount the difficulties of shortage of water and severe climatic conditions. At the same time it saves a lot of energy that is needed by the Kingdom at this stage for other aspects of activity.

"Green Carpet" contains two major portions: specially treated cotton-like fibre and natural grass seeds. The seeds which are blended with fertilizers and a hydroprotective agent are encased between two layers of fibres. The fertilizers and hydro-protective agent are included to supply the essential requirements of budding and growth of grass seeds.

"Green Carpet" has met a wide acceptance on an international level in many countries of the world which have experimented with it and started using it for gardens, stadiums and many other public sites like China, U.S.A., Japan, Korea, Canada, etc., in spite of its recent origins.

Planting of "Grass Carpet" has been successful in almost all types of soil — on valleys, mountainous areas and deserts, and has helped turf and lawn many areas which turned green due to its effects. Thus, it has shown a wide margin of difference between it and traditional methods of greening. Though the main procedure followed in manufacturing it is basically watering grass to make it grow like any other type of plant, the method followed in preparing it makes it grow quicker, stronger and greener.

WHAT CHARACTERIZES "GRASS CARPETS":

In an interview with Sheikh Saud Ibrahim Al Haydal, General Manager of Al Haydal Trading and Contracting Est., he stated: The main characteristics of "Green Carpet" is that it can grow under all climatic conditions — under scorching sun, in hot dry climates and in mud or sand. It can also grow in tropical, semi-tropical and desert regions. This invention which has been carefully experimented with in almost every kind of environment, can grow in all seasons so long as a reasonable amount of care has been given to it. Its average rate of growth is 90%. Sheikh Saud Haydal continues: The components of "Grass Carpet" are 80% Bermuda grass seeds mixed with another portion of excellent grass seeds which have been selected with great care to tolerate humidity. The main advantages of these seeds are that they don't need large amounts of water, can grow easily and quickly and are less demanding in respect to time involved in planting them and caring for them and the amount of soil they need. They don't need more than



LOOKING HAPPY WITH THE PRODUCT

10 days to cover all the area they have been planted in. It is sufficient to spray it with water in a soil bed that is 3 mm. high.

Another characteristic of "Grass Carpet" is that it does not need an expert in agriculture to plant or tend it. This can be an enjoyable hobby to any layman who can perform it without smearing his clothes or the area around the carpet. The seeds, thus planted, can keep water for a longer period and make air around them fragrant, healthy and cool.

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal also points out that there are three types of "Grass Carpet":

1. T-100 which can be used for airport gardens and also as a decorative plant for sites like river banks, roads, railroads, dams, mountains, sandy areas, etc.
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EXPERIMENTING WITH "GRASS CARPET" IN THE KINGDOM ENVIRONMENT

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal also asserts that "Grass Carpet" has been experimented with in environmental conditions similar to those of the Kingdom. Emirates is one of the countries in which it has been experimented with successfully. The excellent results obtained gave indication of its success in the Kingdom.

In fact, it has been experimented with in "Jabal Abu Makhroug" Garden in Riyadh. Different samples will also be planted in various regions so that they can be surveyed by both public and experts.

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal adds: "Grass Carpets" can be trimmed within 30 days of planting it and can tolerate

temperature within the levels of 35° — 45°C which makes it suitable for usage in stadiums, gardens, places, etc. It can also last longer. Its life span averages ten years, if it has been carefully tended either by our establishment or by owner. We do not object to the additional duties of maintaining and tending it since we have the necessary equipment for spraying and maintaining it.

We feel proud of having introduced this invention which suits our climatic conditions, lives longer and can cover all areas that are required to be lawned or turfed without leaving gaps.

Another advantage is that it doesn't need gardeners or workers to look after it since it is manufactured more simply than any other plant in the world.

WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER PLANTING THE SEEDS?:

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal continues: the most important thing to perform after planting the seeds is watering and maintenance. It is preferable to use an automatic spray though an ordinary spray can also be used.

The rate of water sprayed will be light like drizzling rain since the plant doesn't require a lot of water. Length and number of times of spray depend mainly on local climatic conditions. Generally speaking, watering plants depend on necessity, in case of equatorial regions two times a day will be sufficient. When the grass reaches a height of 4 cm, it has to be trimmed back to a height of 2 cm, because trimming makes it grow thicker, stronger and greener.

Maintenance is considered an essential factor during the first phase of growth. Regular watering is the most important aspect of maintenance which can lead to a healthy germination, budding and growth of the plant.



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Croft, Garner put West Indies on top

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 17 (AP) — The West Indies took a firm grip on their first cricket Test match against England here Monday, taking five wickets for 62 after tea to leave England struggling at 159 for seven replying to a first innings total of 426 for nine wickets.

Fast bowlers Colin Croft and Joel Garner were the architects of the West Indian dominance after they had taken their second day total from 369 for seven to 426 for nine in the first hour before skipper Clive Lloyd declared.

Croft, causing problems for all the batsmen in three separate spells, first had veteran opener Geoff Boycott caught at third slip by Vivian Richards for 30 with his second ball after lunch.

After bowling with no luck and no reward, he returned following the tea interval to remove Geoff Miller for 3 and England captain Ian Botham for a second ball '0' in successive overs. He finished the day with three for 33 from 17 overs in which only left hander David Gower, 47 not out at the close, handled him with a semblance of assurance.

England's problems followed them from the start. Andy Roberts, more recognized as a fast bowler, hammered 24 in one over from England skipper Ian Botham, including three consecutive sixes, an '1' was 50 not out when the declaration was made.

Boycott and Graham Gooch provided England with a promising start-putting 45 before Boycott's dismissal. He was followed at 63 by left handed Brian Rose.

Score-board

West Indies (1st innings): 426 for 9 decl.

England (1st innings):

G.A. Gooch b Roberts	41
G. Boycott c Richards b Croft	30
B. Rose c Haynes b Garner	63
D.L. Gower batting	47
G. Miller c Murray b Croft	3
I.T. Botham bow Croft	0
F. Willey bow Garner	13
P.J. Dowson b Croft	4
J.E. Embury b batting	4
Extras	7
Total (for seven wickets)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-68, 3-110, 4-121, 5-127, 6-143, 7-151

BOWLING: Roberts 10-2-36-1; Holding 11-3-29-0; Croft 17-4-33-3; Garner 20-6-34-2; Richards 6-2-16-0; Gomas 2-1-4-1.

Azad hits unbeaten ton

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Middle-order batsman Kirti Azad hit an unbeaten 127 as the touring Indian cricketers scored 311 for seven at the end of the first day of the three-day match against the Central Districts Tuesday.

Brief scores: Indians 311 for 7 (Srinivasan 37, Sandeep Patil 30, Yashpal Sharma 40, Kirti Azad 127, O'Sullivan 3 for 89).



SMOOTH SAILING: Fred Ostermann on his wind glider surfboard that has been accepted by the International Yachting Union for the 1984 Olympics.

Red Sea pips Pak Saudi to maintain winning run

Fine all-round show by Asim

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Red Sea maintained their winning run in the Ali Reza Cricket League beating Pak Saudi narrowly during the weekend which was highlighted by a splendid all-round performance by Sikandar's Asim.

Red Sea, who have won all their eight matches so far, were restricted by the Pak Saudi bowlers and totaled 147, thanks to Nadeem (30), Bari (36) and Zahid (29). But they did well to dismiss Pak Saudi for 126. Amin (20), Zaheer (35) and Naser (22) were the only players to offer any resistance.

In another match, Asim stole the show as

Sikandar scored a 49-run victory over Honda. Asim, after scoring 123 in his side's total of 233 went on to take 4 Honda wickets at the expense of 50 runs thereby bettering Salim's last week's performance. For Honda, Hamed with 64 was the only batsman to sparkle.

Spearheaded by a well-made 72 by skipper Sahail, Pak Jeddah scored 177 for six in their allotted overs. Khalid, too, chipped in with a useful 27. They then dismissed JCC for 109 to come out victors. Ifran top-scored for JCC with 59.

Shalimar and Yellow Rose gained four points each as their opponents failed to turn up.

Speculation rife over Ellicott's resignation

CANBERRA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — A senior Australian government minister, who failed in an effort to persuade Australian athletes to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games last year, resigned Tuesday.

Bob Ellicott, 53, a top lawyer who was passed over for the job as chief justice of the high court last month, handed in his resignation and was later appointed a judge, on the federal court.

The move was announced by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser after a visit to

Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, to inform him of the chance.

However, there is wide speculation in Canberra that Ellicott's resignation is the result of his failure to persuade the federal cabinet to give financial backing to an application by Melbourne to host the 1988 Olympic Games.

Melbourne, host to the 1956 Olympic Games, is running a strong campaign to win the 1988 Games, the year of the bicentennial celebrating the British colonization of Australia.

BRIEFS

CARACAS, Venezuela, (AP) — An unidentified bettor earned a record \$1.6 million Sunday in the "5 and 6" government-run bookmaking game that has become a national passion here. The bettor was the only one to pick the six winning horses in the last six races of the day at the Caracas track.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — Players from seven countries including South Africans, will line-up for the President's TV to take on Wales in the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary spectacular at the Arms Park on April 25. The South Africans are full-back Giv Pienaar and powerful number eight Rob Louw with L. Moolman among the replacements. Springboks' captain Mogmeudu Plessis could well have made it three, but he recently announced his retirement from the game.

PERTH, (AFP) — South African batting ace Barry Richards, 35, is considering retirement. The brilliant opener whose international career has been severely limited because his country is barred from top cricket said "I am disappointed at missing the opportunity to play more Test cricket, but I have had a reasonably good innings."

PARIS, (AFP) — The year-old battle over motor racing control between the International Motorsport Federation (FISA) and the

Formula One Car Constructors Association (FOCA) may soon be over. All parties involved in the dispute are to take part in a meeting in Paris starting on Wednesday. Agreement over the Formula One World Championship will have to be reached within three days at the latest.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Three European towns are to compete to be the venue for the World Chess Championship clash between the Soviet holder Anatoly Karpov and his exiled compatriot Victor Korchnoi. The Chess Federations of Iceland, Spain and Italy made their bids when offers were opened here Monday morning by the president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

TOKYO, (AFP) — A field of 18 runners from eight countries and 82 Japanese will compete in the 1981 Tokyo-New York friendship marathon to be held in Tokyo on March 1, the organizers announced Monday.

GENEVA, (AFP) — Peter Muller of Switzerland who was in the lead in the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup when he was injured in a fall in the Downhill at Lauberhorn on January 24 is to return to competition for the Swiss Championship which begins Wednesday.

McKenzie fails to impress

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Horace McKenzie of Cardiff, the only home fighter to have gone the distance with British welterweight champion Colin Jones, failed to repeat the performance at the World Sporting Club here Monday night.

Sixteen months ago McKenzie took his fellow-Welshman the full eight rounds and looked likely to go at least that far again until Jones caught him with a left hook one minute into the seventh round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

Two counts and ninety seconds later it was all over, stopped by the referee to save McKenzie from further punishment. Once again Jones took half a chance and showed his destructive qualities with his left hook.

The fight took place only a few hours after the announcement that Jones will meet Mark Harris of Guyana for the vacant Commonwealth welterweight championship at the Wembley Conference Center in fifteen days time.

In Panama, World Boxing Council junior flyweight champion Hilario Zapata said Monday he is prepared to defend his title in

Los Angeles against challenger Joey Olivo if the money is right.

"If they pay me \$150,000, I will face Olivo in Los Angeles or wherever," Zapata said. On Feb. 8 during a fight here, Olivo failed to answer the bell in the fourth round, saying he could not stand the heat. Zapata also had complained about the heat, and Olivo's handlers have been quoted as saying if the fight in Los Angeles, the results will be different.

It was announced in London that British featherweight champion Pat Coddell, of Warley, will meet the WBA number one contender, Bashew Sibaca of South Africa, at Wolverhampton Civil Hall on March 9.

It will be the most ambitious fight of Coddell's career since he won a bronze medal in the Canadian Olympics. He turned professional the following year and won a Lonsdale belt outright (three British title wins) after beating David Needham and Jimmy Flint.

It has cost promoter Ron Gray £ 9,000 in purse and expenses to bring Sibaca, nine times South African champion, to Wolverhampton. While Coddell is not rated by the WBA, he is currently number nine with the WBC.

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English soccer shirt ads may spark fresh controversy

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — English football clubs would not have to use players' names on their advertising billboards if the government agreed to let them off some of the money from the sport, Football Association (FA) secretary Ted Croker said.

Wilkins is only British star in European squad

BERNE, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Manchester United's international midfielder player Ray Wilkins is the only British representative in the 16-strong European squad to play in Italy at Rome on February 25 in aid of the victims of last November's earthquake in southern Italy.

The full squad, to be managed by West German manager Jupp Derwall is: Luis Miguel Arconada (Spain — Real Sociedad), Jesus Maria Zamora (Spain — Real Sociedad), Rudikrol (Netherlands — Ajax), Zdenek Nehoda (Czechoslovakia — Dukla Praruc), Hagald Humache (West Germany — F.C. Cologne), Manfred Kaltz (West Germany — Hamburg), Bruno Pezzey (Austria — Eintracht Frankfurt), Hansi Mueller (West Germany — VFB Stuttgart), Horst Sander (West Germany — Hamburg), Rene Botteron (Switzerland — F.C. Cologne), Ray Wilkins (England — Manchester United), Jose Antonio Camacho (Spain — Real Madrid), Nenad Stojkovic (Yugoslavia — Partizan Belgrade), Eric Jerets (Belgium — Standard Liege), Abdul Halhodzic (Yugoslavia — Velez Mostar), Alan Imonson (Denmark — Aalborg).

not see it and that it should not be allowed on television.

"But whilst the government, through the pools tax suck money out of football, they can hardly be critical of clubs who look to other means of increasing revenue."

Although league chairmen agreed at a meeting last week to abide by the current agreement which bans shirt advertisements in televised games, Croker sees a fresh controversy looming. The question of allowing shirt ads in European Cup competitions is to be discussed again by UEFA shortly and Croker believes it could lead to top British sides' European games being blanked off the screens unless the TV companies adapt a double standard.

Meanwhile, Nottingham Forest and Ipswich joint favorites to win the English Soccer Cup, were drawn Monday to play each other in the quarter-finals. The clash of the giants will be at Nottingham's City ground March 7.

Forest won the European Cup of Champions two years running, Ipswich is the English team of the moment, going strongly for the big League and Cup double.

As soon as the draw was announced bookies made Forest and Ipswich joint favorites for the trophy at odds of 4 to 1; along with Tottenham Hotspur. Tottenham got a comfortable looking home draw against Second Division Newcastle.

Middlesbrough was drawn at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers in another all-First Division clash.

The English Cup reaches its climax with the final at Wembley Stadium May 9. It is the only major trophy Forest has failed to win since Brian Clough took over as manager of the team and started it on an unprecedented run of success.

Ipswich has already beaten Forest twice this season in the league — 2-1 at Nottingham and 2-0 at Ipswich.

Meanwhile Middlesbrough, a club that has spent long periods in the First Division but never got beyond the quarter-finals in the Cup, has been tipped as a surprise winner.



THE RICH FISTS: Sugar Ray Leonard (left) and Ayub Kalule pose in New York Wednesday.

Ayub Kalule confident of beating Leonard

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — He is not much for sight seeing, said Danish newsman accompanying Ayub Kalule, who was in New York to talk with promoter Bob Arum with regards to his World Boxing Association Junior Middleweight title bout against Sugar Ray Leonard June 19.

The 27-year-old boxer was at the Midtown hotel and that's where he spent most of his time.

Asked how he felt about getting a chance to come to the United States, the unbeaten Kalule, whose only two bouts in his 35-fight career outside Denmark have been in Norway and Japan, said, "I'm just coming to fight, to show the Americans I can fight."

As for Leonard, the glamor boy of U.S. boxing who holds the World Boxing Council welterweight title, Kalule said, "from what I saw of Leonard on film, I feel I can easily beat him."

"The fact that he will get the challenger's end of the purses for his fifth defense did not seem to bother Kalule or his manager Mogens Palle. Bob realize that it will be Kalule's biggest paycheck, and Palle said, "we will get the most money in the rematch."

"It is conceivable that Ray may make as much for this night as he did in Montreal (when he got \$9.5 million in losing to Roberto Duran) and Ayub Kalule can set a record for the junior middleweight champion," said promoter Bob Arum of the fight which will be shown on closed-circuit and home pay television in the United States and probably will be part of multi-championship bout card. Ayub Kalule can set a (purse) record junior mid-

deweight champion.

Arum would like to hold the fight in the new arena, which is being built at the Meadowlands Sports Complex at East Rutherford, New Jersey. If the arena isn't completed in time, the possible sites are St. Louis and the Houston Astrodome.

There is a definite plan to the 24-year-old Leonard's challenging for the junior middleweight title. "I kind like Ray having two titles and having more opportunity to fight," said Attorney Mike Trainer. The man who has guided Leonard to purses of more than \$20 million.

Trainer feels that Leonard should be able to be a double champion because one title is recognized by the WBC and the other by the WBA and neither group recognizes the other.

But WBC president Jose Sulaiman told ABC radio by telephone from Mexico City that he was "embarrassed" by Leonard agreeing to fight for a WBA title. "He has received the best treatment from the WBC and he made \$20 million as a WBC world champion."

"I think I will have no problem making the welterweight (147-pound — 66.8 K-Ilmi) or junior middleweight weight (154 pound-70 K)," said Leonard. But when asked if he had eyes on the middleweight title (160 pounds-72.7K) held by Marvin Hagler, Leonard said, "I'm not a full-ridged middleweight and I won't be for a couple of years. I can envision myself as a middleweight but that's the ultimate."

Gottfried moves ahead Tanner stages fine rally

PALM SPRINGS, California, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Roscoe Tanner of the U.S. seeded number five, overcame compatriot Tom Gullikson in the first round of the Palm Springs Tennis Tournament here. Tanner dropped the first set 6-7 but came back to take the next two sets 6-2, 6-4.

Young French star Thierry Tulasne went down to number eight seed Brian Gottfried of the U.S. 6-4, 6-2.

The four top seeds Jimmy Connors of the U.S., Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, Harold Solomon of the U.S. and Brian Teacher of the U.S. have yet to figure in the action.

In other matches: Eddie Dibbs beat Chris Delaney (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2. Hank Pfister (U.S.) beat Kim Warwick (Australia) 7-6, 6-3.

Meanwhile in Texas fourth-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia started lowly but finished with a flourish Monday night to defeat erratic Sue Barker of England 6-7, 6-0, 6-4 in a first-round match of the \$100,000 Avon Championship of Houston.

Barker took early command of the match-breaking Jausovec in the first, third, and fifth games to take a 5-1 lead. But faltered later and was forced into the tie-breaker.

Barker's game deserted her in the second set when she won only five points and lost the 12 in succession.

Her final challenge came when she broke Jausovec in the fourth game of the decisive third set, but the Yugoslav star broke back in the seventh game for a 5-3 lead.

Barker fought off two match points in the ninth game to hold service, but Jausovec won it in the 10th game on the fourth match point when Barker's return of service fell into the net.

Amateur Zinu Garrison defeated Heidi Easterlehermer 6-3, 7-5 in a preliminary match.

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♣ Q 10 9

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♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 10 9 4
♦ A
♣ K 8 7 6 2

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♠ 9 5 4
♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 5 3

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♠ A K J 10 7 2
♥ J
♦ 9 6 5
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1♣ 2♥ 2NT Pass
4♣

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The heart of the matter lies in your play from dummy at trick three. If you win West's queen of hearts in dummy with the king, you go down one, assuming correct defense.

But if you trump the queen of hearts at trick three, you cannot be stopped from making the contract. You then draw three rounds of trumps and play a low diamond to dummy's ten. What can East do?

If he takes the ten of diamonds with the king, you easily score the rest of the tricks. Your only losers would be two diamonds and a heart. If East ducks dummy's ten of diamonds, you are on an equally firm ground. You discard your nine of diamonds on dummy's king of hearts and take a club finesse. True, West wins the club with the king, but your only losers prove to be a heart, a diamond and a club.

If it seems odd that delaying your discard on dummy's king of hearts is the crucial point of the situation, but the inescapable fact is that the early duck of the queen of hearts creates an impregnable seesaw position against East. You have him over a barrel regardless of what he does when you play a diamond to the ten.

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Your Individual Horoscope
Francis Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
An unexpected change in plans could upset you. Be protective of health and nerves. A hectic day could leave you somewhat weary.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Don't let friends interfere with work that has to be done. Children are apt to be troublesome. Singles need patience in romance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You could have too many irons in the fire. Avoid slapdash methods. Try to simplify your schedule. Watch domestic disputes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Though new money-making plans are good, the difficulty comes in their execution. Unexpected news makes concentration difficult.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Misunderstandings are possible now. Be especially careful in financial dealings. Unscrupulous types abound. Watch excess spending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You'll have to let go of worry if you wish to succeed.

now. A close tie won't listen to reason when it comes to financial matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You could fritter away valuable time socializing now. An unexpected work item throws you off schedule. Nervousness could be a problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Save new career ideas for a more propitious time. Socializing now could lead to surprise expenditures. Protect your valuables.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
The indecisiveness of others makes it difficult to count on them. A relative may be feeling under par. Guard against erratic behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
It's difficult to receive cooperation in financial matters from others. The evening may find you indecisive. Watch willfulness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Close ties may not follow through on plans. Do not lend money at present. Others may not be able to return money owed to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Escapist tendencies could interfere with work progress. Higher-ups may be temperamental now. Don't let others throw you off course.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Argot
5 Give a testimonial
11 Athena's title
12 Rob or Carl
13 Jay
14 — College of Ky.
15 Gable in "Dust"
16 "The Elephant"
17 Umbrella part
18 Whoever wants to
28 Indian mulberry
21 Consumed
22 Widow's
23 Lay away (sl.)
26 Bordered
27 June Carter's spouse
28 Truck
29 Marching call
30 Sans a future date
34 Before
35 Dress
36 Gypsy
37 Mont-Saint— (Fr. isl.)
39 Simba's locks
40 Not broken
41 Similar

DOWN
43 Interpret
1 "Mr. Deeds" director
2 Foreign
3 On the dole
4 Road topping
5 Penny—
6 Minsule
7 Stannum
8 Get on board
9 Set in a series
10 Tripled
18 Insect
19 "Blowout"
22 Rich source
23 Finagler
24 Like the ball colony
25 Appearances
26 Director
27 Fritch
28 Bluish purple
30 Unrelenting
31 Sir Francis
32 Old Greek
33 Correct
38 Betake oneself
39 Disfigure

Yesterday's Answer

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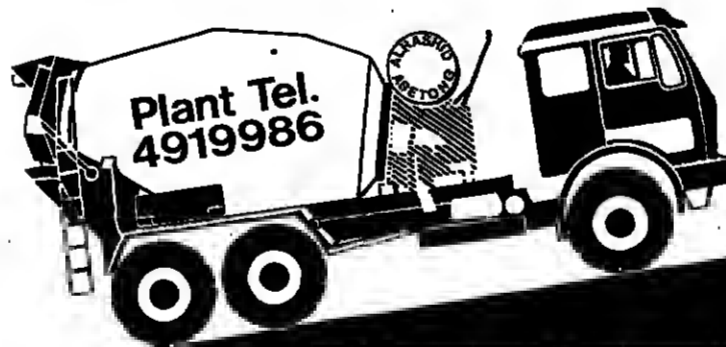
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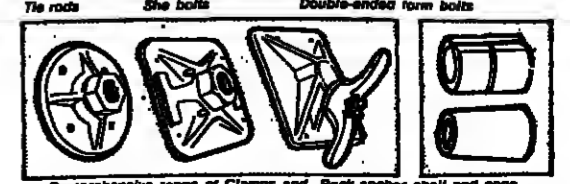
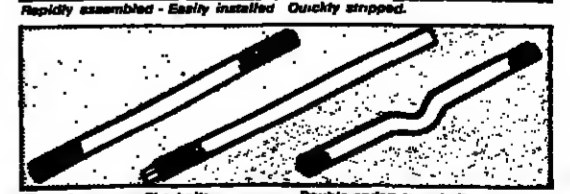
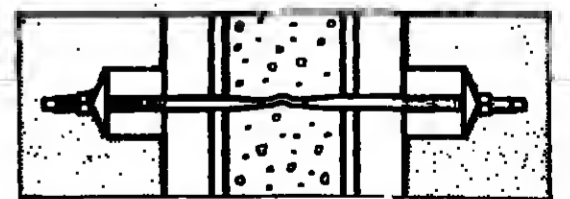
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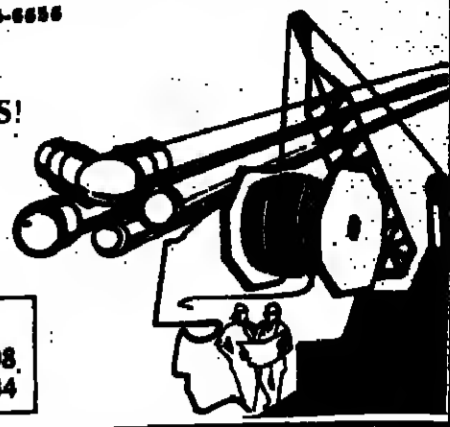


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Protest spreading

Students in Poland set for mass strike

WARSAW, Feb. 17 (R) — Poland appeared Tuesday to be heading for a national students' strike as more universities set up strike committees and campus protests spread from the Baltic coast to Silesia. The student rebellion, an extension of the upheaval that has brought every major industrial sector out on strike since last summer, began as the week-old administration of Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski seemed set for a period of labor truce.



Polish Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski

Protests spread after the breakdown of talks between Education Minister Jahnusz Gorski and student leaders in Lodz. The Lodz students, backed by delegates from other universities, spearheaded the student campaign for more academic freedom and other concessions and it seemed until the weekend that the authorities would contain the trouble in Lodz and a few other colleges while they negotiated a settlement. But the campus revolt appeared Tuesday to have gathered momentum and spread far beyond the debating hall at Lodz University.

At Krakow's 600-year-old Jagiellonian

University, where 2,000 students began an occupation strike in five faculty buildings Monday, students said that a further 1,000 at the miners' academy were joining the strike. In Warsaw, university and polytechnic students were preparing to follow the medical academy, which has been on strike for several weeks. Campus and college strikes were also reported in Wroclaw, Czestochowa and Katowice. Students in Gdansk said they would be joining in Wednesday.

A student rebellion on such a scale would have been unthinkable in Poland a year ago. Even before it spread from Lodz it was the biggest campus protest in Poland since 1968, when police repressed university strikes. Poland has changed profoundly since then. The authorities say they are determined to find peaceful, negotiated settlements to disputes.

The education minister maintains that he had virtually sewn up an agreement in Lodz after weeks of bargaining on questions such as the length of military service for students, abolition of compulsory courses in Marxism, the release of political detainees and passports for all Poles. He did not give way on many of the demands and he even recruited an army general to argue over the military service issue. But both sides appeared to be satisfied with an agreement that left some points open for further discussion.

Education ministry officials say the students then dug in their heels on two points. The authorities wanted the statutes of an independent students' union to swear allegiance to the Polish constitution and therefore uphold the supremacy of Communism, and a ruling that the new union could not proclaim a strike without a mandate from 50 per cent of the university. Compromise appeared possible on the first point, but the Lodz strike committee was accused Tuesday of "incomprehensible obstinacy" for refusing to budge on the second. The accusation was made by the youth newspaper *Stanard Mlodych*. The Lodz students accuse the authorities of trying to back out of earlier commitments.

Red Brigades strike again

Milan hospital chief shot

MILAN, Feb. 17 (AP) — The Italian Red Brigades urban guerrilla group struck again Tuesday when they gunned down the head of Milan's general hospital, Prof. Luigi Marangoni. The three or four gunmen escaped in a hijacked car after an exchange of fire with two policemen alerted by the noise of the shots which killed Marangoni. One of the gunmen was said to have been wounded.

Shortly afterwards a telephone call to the daily *Corriere d'Informazione* claimed responsibility for the killing on behalf of the Walter Alasia column of the Red Brigades — considered a more hardline militant group than the Rome-based section which kidnapped and then released magistrate Giovanni D'Urso recently.

No reason was given for the murder, which occurred five days after a statement by three generals of the Carabinieri (Italy's paramilitary national police force) that terrorism would be beaten within two years. Marangoni did not belong to one of the usual categories

of Red Brigades targets, such as magistrates, politicians, or policemen. Doctors murdered previously usually had some coooperation with the authorities, such as the health administrator of the Rome prison killed last December.

The professor, who died of wounds to the head within half an hour of the attack — mottored as he got into his car to go the hospital — had received a series of threats by telephone and later, after changing his number, by letter, family sources said.

In 1979 three senior male nurses at the Milan hospital were shot in the legs, and Health Minister Aldo Aniasi, a former mayor of Milan, said Tuesday his ministry had received a number of reports from Marangoni on "dangerous situations in the hospital."

Aniasi said that the hospital had also been threatened on a clandestine Milan radio station and he added that Marangoni "paid for his courage with his life."

Dollar rise checked; gold moves up

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — The dollar bandwagon slowed down Tuesday due to profit-taking after Monday's sizeable gains and because of a recovery by the beleaguered West German mark. Gold prices rose.

In hectic trading Monday, international investors scrambled "aboard the dollar bandwagon," as the *Times* of London put it, thanks to euphoria over high U.S. interest rates and the tough economic stance expected from President Reagan.

But on Far East markets early Tuesday, the dollar softened as the Deutschmark recovered some ground. The mark has fallen about 15 per cent against the dollar this year. "We've been dragged around by the mark all today," said one Tokyo dealer. The dollar closed in brisk Tokyo trading at 207.45 yen from 207.65 Monday, although at one point it reached a seven-week high of 208.00 yen.

In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 207.00 yen. The British pound was

worth \$2.2613 (\$2.2600).

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning price of \$498.50 a troy ounce, up from \$490 late Monday. In Zurich, the metal traded at a median \$497.50, up \$7. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$497.81, up \$8.18. Silver was quoted in London at \$13.20 an ounce, up from \$12.90 late Monday. U.S. financial markets were shut Monday for a public holiday.

London dealers said the West German Bundesbank sold some dollars on the exchange markets, but for the second day it did not intervene at the Frankfurt midday price-fixing when the dollar was set sharply lower at 2.1910 marks. West German authorities Friday sold \$164 million but that failed to stem the dollar's rise, which took it from 1.97 marks at the start of the year to a three-year high of 2.2505 marks at the Frankfurt fixing Monday.



BACK HOME: U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan arrive at the White House Monday after a long weekend at Camp David.

In major offensive

Iran blasts Iraqi targets

TEHRAN, Feb. 17 (R) — Iranian artillery was reported battering targets deep inside Iraq in apparent response to Iraqi threats to seize more Iranian territory unless the Tehran government agreed to peace talks. In what it described as an artillery offensive, the official news agency Pars said Iranian guns were blasting a string of positions in northeastern Iraq, including the road to Suleymaniyeh and four garrisons named as Biyreh, Zalan, Qadhour and Delim.

Pars quoted Monday a military official in the Iranian town of Marivan as saying the Iranian fire had forced the Iraqis to abandon their positions, between four and 10 kilometers west of the border. Iranian military communiques said heavy artillery and ground forces were in action on other sectors of the western front in the five-month-old Gulf war. Further south, in Iran's oil-producing province of Khuzestan, fighting was reported around Abadan, Khorramshahr, Abwaz, Dezful and Susangerd.

The apparent upsurge in fighting followed a speech in Baghdad Sunday by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein who said his forces would take more Iranian territory and cities unless Iran opened peace negotiations.

Ministry blasted

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R) — A bomb blast ripped through the French Education Ministry during Monday night causing extensive damage and slightly injuring three persons, police said Tuesday. They said the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) claimed responsibility for the blast in a telephone call to a French news agency.

Police said a nightwatchman on the ministry's first floor where the blast occurred, and two passers-by outside were slightly injured.

The FLNC has claimed responsibility for numerous bomb and machine-gun attacks on the French Mediterranean island and on the mainland in its fight for Corsican independence.

Nkomo troops agree to lay down weapons

BULAWAYO, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Former guerrillas loyal to Cabinet Minister Joshua Nkomo have ended a four-day standoff with government forces, agreeing to put down their weapons and move to an isolated army camp, the official Zimbabwe Radio announced.

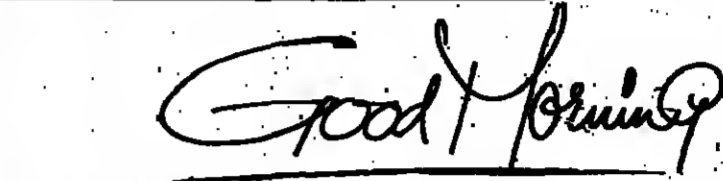
Until the agreement Monday, the 1,000 to 2,000 ex-guerrillas had been barricaded in Bulawayo's Entumbane township, scene of some of the fiercest fighting last week between Nkomo's men and other former guerrillas supporting Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The factional clashes left an estimated 300 dead. More than 100 corpses remained unclaimed in refrigerated railroad cars in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city, where officials have planned a mass funeral.

Sweden plans to cut oil dependence by 30%

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17 (R) — Sweden will try to cut its dependence on oil from the present 70 per cent of total energy used to 40 per cent by 1990, the government said Tuesday. To achieve this, the government proposed a 10-fold increase in the use of coal, and that domestic fuels like peat and forestry waste be used to replace an annual six million tons of oil.

In an energy bill presented to parliament, the government said state credit guarantees for oil, natural gas, and coal prospecting within the country should be raised from two to four billion crowns (\$425 to \$50 million) annually.



By Jihad Khawar

Despite protestations to the contrary, women in power are no longer exceptions to the general rule of male dominance in many parts of the world. That they have not made much of a difference is also evident to all. Women keep saying that they have those special qualities of understanding and "intuition" — whatever this latter is — which would make all the difference: the woes of a world for so long dominated by males would disappear like a puff of smoke.

Well, they haven't; have they? (the woes of the world I mean.) I know that women libbers will have their answer ready: The women in power up to now are no more than "token women." They come to power as "substitute males." The trouble with the world, they would say, is the question of male values, and only those women who subscribe to them are eligible for power.

I think that's all a bit too deep. The record as it stands is all we have. And it is not very impressive. There was first Golda Meir, who has earned history through her strange remark that "there are no Palestinians." Then there's Mrs. Indira Gandhi of India, with her famous emergency and forced sterilization (of men). Not, I fear, a particularly gentle advertisement for those feminine qualities women say will

"humanize" power. Then there is, in Britain, that super-tough blond bombshell from Chelsea, Maggie Thatcher. Now you can accuse Maggie of many things, but softness would not be one of them. The Russians were so rattled by her they called her the Iron Maiden. Not very kind perhaps but you can see what they were getting at.

But now, with the new prime minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundtland, the question of woman in power gets even more threatening. For the ladies so far mentioned got on with their jobs in a straightforward manner, without undue threat to the male ego as such. The question of their sex did not really arise, except perhaps to the dyed-in-the-wool reactionaries.

But the lady Gro is different. Her domestic arrangements became public, and as they say, "concern is mounting." Nothing underhand is meant, of course. Only that it appears that all domestic work in her household undertaken by the lady's husband, a politician in his own right, who happens to be a prominent member of the opposition. The gentleman thus has not merely been forced to forego his career, but is also collaborating with the enemy. Liberate Mr. Brundtland, I say. Out of the kitchen and into parliament.
Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

OAU talks open in Lusaka

LUSAKA, Feb. 17 (R) — Leaders of five African states met in Lusaka Tuesday for a one-day summit to discuss economic and security problems in southern Africa. The presidents of Botswana, Mozambique and Tanzania and the prime minister of Zimbabwe were met at Lusaka airport Tuesday morning by host President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and taken to a presidential retreat some 30 kms southeast.

President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola was absent but Kaunda told reporters that an Angolan representative was expected to join the talks later. The leaders, whose countries make up the Organization of African Unity (OAU) front-line states, made no formal opening remarks at the meeting.

The topics likely to be discussed by the leaders include the failure of multi-party, U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva last month to agree on a peaceful route to independence in South African-ruled Namibia (Southwest Africa), informed sources said. The situation in Namibia last brought the leader of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe together almost nine months ago also in Lusaka.

The five presidents and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe are also expected to discuss threats from Pretoria of

possible further strikes against neighboring countries which harbored South African black nationalist guerrilla movements.

On Jan. 30, South African commandos attacked three houses occupied by the banned African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) in the Mozambican capital of Maputo. Thirteen people — 11 ANC members, a Portuguese national and a South African soldier — were killed in the raid.

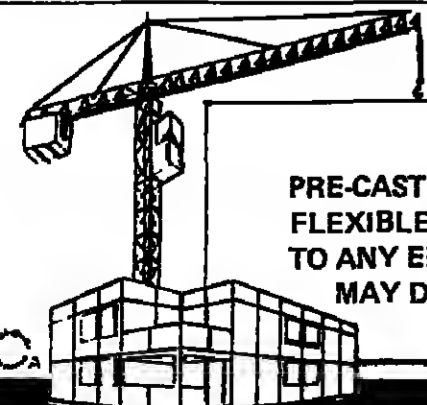
Kaunda, Mugabe and Mozambican President Samora Machel have all spoken out recently against alleged South African efforts to destabilize their countries. Angola, headquarters for guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), has been a frequent target of South African attacks. Machel has visited both Dar Es Salaam and Lusaka this month and it seemed likely that much of the groundwork for Tuesday's meeting was laid in his bilateral talks with Tanzanian leader Julius Nyerere and Kaunda.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Magnus Malan said in Cape Town Monday night that there has been an unprecedented arms build-up in southern African states which could easily lead to an assault against South Africa.

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